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▶ Lady Gaga, flanked by art director Nicola Formichetti, left, and collection designer Sebastien Teigne, appears at the end of the Thierry Mugler fall-winter ready-to-wear 2012 fashion collection presented in Paris yesterday.

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Walk, walk, fashion baby

Lady Gaga, who performs tonight at the Air Canada Centre, created an exclusive soundtrack for Thierry Mugler's menswear show. She is reportedly set to sing at her Toronto concert with Winnipeg's Maria Aragon, the 10-year-old YouTube sensation whose cover of Gaga's Born This Way recently went viral.

Apple unveils sleek new iPad

CEO Steve Jobs returns from medical leave for launch {page 22}

Beware 'Ford Nation': Mayor

McGuinty warned to pay up or face consequences at polls {page 6}

Court backs infanticide defence

In appealing Guelph woman's conviction, Ontario's attorney general, for all practical purposes, sought to abolish infanticide as partial defence to murder charge

The Ontario Court of Appeal has ruled that women accused of deliberately killing their newborn children can defend themselves by arguing the crime was infanticide, triggered by a mental disturbance such as postpartum depression.

In a 3-0 decision yesterday, the court dismissed a Crown appeal in the case of a Guelph woman known as L.B., who admitted to smothering two infant sons but avoided a murder conviction and life sentence after pleading infanticide.

Although infanticide is punishable by up to five years in prison, L.B. was given credit for pre-trial custody and sentenced to one year in jail.

The Crown's motivations for appealing her conviction were unclear, but appeared to flow from concerns the Criminal Code's infanticide provisions are based on myths that women can't control their hormones, and are allowing morally culpable killers to get away with murder.

It defines infanticide as a woman wilfully causing the death of a newborn child in circumstances where she hasn't fully recovered from the effects of childbirth or lactation and her mind is disturbed.

Yesterday's decision is the first critical analysis of Canada's infanticide provisions by an appeal court.

Canada's infanticide law, enacted in 1948, was a compromise by parliamentarians who knew juries were sympathetic to women on trial for killing their children and unwilling to convict them of murder, said Justice David Doherty, who wrote yesterday's judgment.

While infanticide is available as a partial defence to murder in other countries, the Crown argued the infanticide provisions in Canada's Criminal Code operate only as an offence that women can be charged with.

Doherty wrote that the language of the 1948 legislation shows Parliament intended to make infanticide a partial defence to murder and that wasn't altered by Criminal Code amendments six years later.

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L.B.'s case file

- L.B. admitted while undergoing treatment at the Homewood Mental Health Centre that she had suffocated her sons, telling police she was "fighting with her thoughts."
- She had grown up in an abusive home, attempted suicide and was 17 when her first son died.

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Deputy city managers on way out

Two of the City of Toronto's three deputy city managers are leaving, including Sue Corke, whose responsibilities include affordable housing.

Joe Pennachetti sent staff a memo Monday stating that Corke's last day is March 11. That makes her the first senior bureaucrat to leave since Mayor Rob Ford took office Dec. 1.

She was hired in May 2005 as a deputy city manager, coming from Queen's Park where she was deputy minister of policy and consumer protection services.

Corke has worked on the Affordable Housing Office, the 311 information line and the priority neighbourhoods strategy. Ford has expressed displeasure with some aspects of each of those initiatives.

The memo did not state the reason for Corke's departure, or whether she has another job.

On Tuesday, Pennachetti sent out another memo saying deputy city manager Richard Butts is also leaving, to become the chief accounting officer of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Butts was appointed deputy city manager in February 2007 after working for the city for eight years, including overseeing the acquisition of the Green Lane landfill.

His portfolio includes solid waste management, fire services and Toronto Water.

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▶ Deputy city manager Sue Corke.

Ford intent on privatizing TCHC

But such a proposal would likely face fierce opposition in council

Mayor Rob Ford says he plans to try to privatize the Toronto Community Housing Corporation.

Asked by NewsTalk 1010 host Jerry Agar yesterday morning whether he would "go so far as to say" that he would privatize the TCHC, Ford said, "Absolutely. No doubt in my mind. I'm going to look at every service, how we're delivering it — garbage, as you know, we're contracting it out. I have no problem looking at TCHC and how we're delivering these services. And if contracting it out is the way to go, that's the way we're gonna go."

Ford did not say when he plans to pursue privatization or what his specific plans are. Asked if he had come to the belief that the TCHC should be privatized because of the two scathing audits released this week or if he held the same opinion before he saw them, he did not answer directly.

The complete privatization of one of North America's largest landlords would be a complicated and lengthy task; the TCHC houses 164,000 tenants and owns a $6 billion housing stock. Also, provincial law imposes rules governing the size of the city's social-housing stock.

Privatization may not mean the elimination of government-run housing in the city. Ford's office is known to be exploring a change that would keep current tenants in TCHC buildings but give new tenants a subsidy to rent private apartments.

Ford also said yesterday he would ask council to remove the seven civilian TCHC board members now that they have refused to heed his call to resign.

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▶ Mayor Rob Ford smiles during an interview yesterday with NewsTalk 1010 host Jerry Agar.

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Local scientists find stem cell roadblock

Study says mutations could make stem cells less promising for regenerative medicine

Stem cell research has come up against a roadblock that will slow the furious pace of scientists who are working toward the long-term goal of using "reprogrammed" stem cells for personalized organ repair.

Researchers at Mount Sinai Hospital have found the methods used to create embryonic stem cells from adult cells leave the reprogrammed versions with a slew of genetic mistakes.

"It looks like the reprogramming process which creates (embryonic-like) stem cells from skin cells is creating damage or mutations," says Andras Nagy, one of the study's lead authors and a senior investigator at the hospital's Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute. The study was released yesterday by the journal Nature.

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Study

- **Mutations** Researcher Andras Nagy says the cells created by the conversion process — which he helped pioneer — had three times more genetic mutations than are found in natural embryonic stem cells.

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▶ Research scientist Dr. Andras Nagy of Mount Sinai Hospital, seen here, led a Toronto study in stem cell research that was part of a breakthrough in the area of study, in conjunction with a British team.

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▶ Senior archaeologist Shaun Austin displays a hand-forged nail and a decorated ceramic fragment, artifacts found at the Mississaugua Golf and Country Club.

Artifacts unearthed in Mississauga

Artifacts found at a Mississauga golf course may indicate European settlers moved into a village along the Credit River vacated by native Indians in the mid-19th century.

But archaeologist Shaun Austin says he can't rule out that nails and shards of ceramic teaware aren't from the Credit Mission village occupied by the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation until about 1845.

"They're not museum quality, but they're important for what they are," he said.

Austin was called in to examine the site after Mississaugua Golf and Country Club began regrading its driving range last fall. When officials with the Mississaugas of the New Credit learned of the work, they asked the city to halt the project.

The city agreed and ordered an archaeological assessment as a condition of granting the club a permit to build a new shed near the site, located near the golf course's entrance gates off Mississauga Road, just north of the Queen Elizabeth Way.

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'Missisakis'

- **Land.** The Mississaugas — from the Indian word "Missisakis," meaning many river mouths — once owned much of what is now southern Ontario, including Toronto. They sold off parcel after parcel of land, eventually settling along the Credit River in 1826.
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Mayor set to call in the troops

Ford warns he'll sic 'Ford Nation' on McGuinty in next election

Mayor Rob Ford is threatening to mobilize "Ford Nation" to turf Premier Dalton McGuinty.

Ford says he'll get his army of diehard supporters to vote McGuinty out of office if Queen's Park doesn't give Toronto more money.

The mayor wants $153 million for specific projects, plus half the TTC's annual $429 million operating budget.

McGuinty shot down the request as soon as it became public, saying the top priority in this month's budget will be taming the deficit.

Ford said yesterday he hasn't spoken directly to McGuinty about more money for roads ($48.3 million), public transit ($89 million), child-care subsidies ($11.5 million) and a new Fort York visitor centre ($5 million).

"If (McGuinty) says no, obviously there's a provincial election coming up on Oct. 6 and I want to work with him, not against him," Ford said.

"But obviously if he's not helping out the city then I have no choice but to work against him, but I don't want to do that.

"If they choose not to help us, then I have no other choice but to get out — as I call it — Ford Nation, and make sure they're not re-elected in the next election. But I do not want to do that."

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Police say the man was returning home from the night shift in the Don Mills Road and Sheppard Avenue area when the vehicle went the wrong way into the garage.

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Mother gets 6 years

Erika Mendieta beat tiny Emmily but didn't know death would result, judge says Judge calls beating an 'abhorrent act of violence'

A judge has sentenced a North York mother who fatally beat her two-year-old daughter to six years in prison.

Although Erika Mendieta repeatedly struck Emmily Lucas on the head and body with enough force to cause serious harm, she did not know death would result, Justice Nola Garton said yesterday.

"The beating of Emmily on Nov. 13, 2003, was an abhorrent act of violence against a defenceless, vulnerable child and a gross violation of Ms. Mendieta's position of trust in relation to her daughter," the judge said.

The 34-year-old woman had used physical discipline on Emmily in the past, but with nowhere near the level of violence as on that day in her North York townhouse, Garton said.

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Puppet to assume Ford's likeness

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford is about to be immortalized in felt.

The world-renowned black-light theatre company Famous PEOPLE Players is set to unveil a puppet likeness of the city's top politician that will star in its current show, She Did What?!!!

Ford has agreed to lend his voice to the puppet by recording some lines this week at the studio of radio station NewsTalk 1010. He will meet his puppet alter ego next week during an official unveiling ceremony at city hall.

Founded in 1974 by Diane Dupuy, Famous PEOPLE Players is made up of performers with physical and intellectual disabilities. She Did What?!!! runs until May 7 at the theatre on Evans Avenue at Kipling Avenue.

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Police warn of kangaroo gold bars

Toronto police are warning workers in the jewelry and metal industries to be on the lookout for people trying to sell gold bars stamped with kangaroos.

Police say someone fraudulently obtained a bank draft for nearly $2 million to buy gold bars from a bank in Montreal last month.

Investigators allege Senthuran Kanapathipillai, 32, of Toronto, had one of the gold bars and was charged with possession of property obtained by crime.

Police say Thevarajah Thambipillai, 55, of Toronto, tried to sell one of the bars and was charged with possession of property obtained by crime.

The distinctive 10-ounce gold bars have the symbol of the Perth Mint in Australia on the front, and kangaroos on the back.

The Canadian Bankers Association is offering a $50,000 cash reward for any information leading to an arrest and conviction — and to the recovery of the bars.

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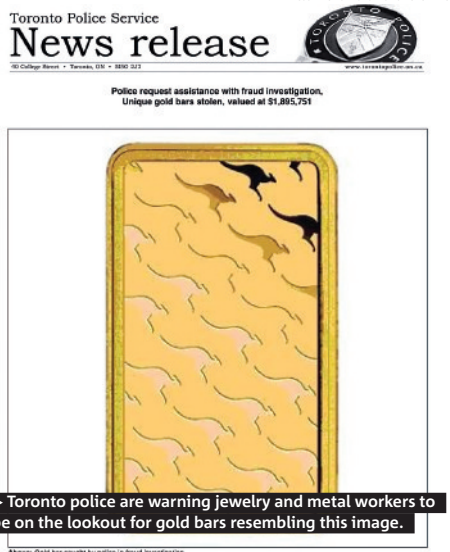
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Police have a tear in their beer

Premier Dad called Premier Bad for his plan to ease liquor laws

Hang on to your beer tents.

Ontario police chiefs are waving a red flag over Premier Dalton McGuinty's pre-election plans to relax the province's liquor laws.

Under the proposed changes, people could wander freely at festivals with a beer in hand, instead of being confined to a fenced-in area.

But easing the laws could create a logistical nightmare for police during massive events like Pride Week or Caribana, says the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police.

"A beer tent or fenced-in area provides accountability to the licensee, so that they can control the number of people in the tents, the age of patrons," said association spokesperson Joe Couto.

Attorney General Chris Bentley said he's planning to meet with police chiefs.

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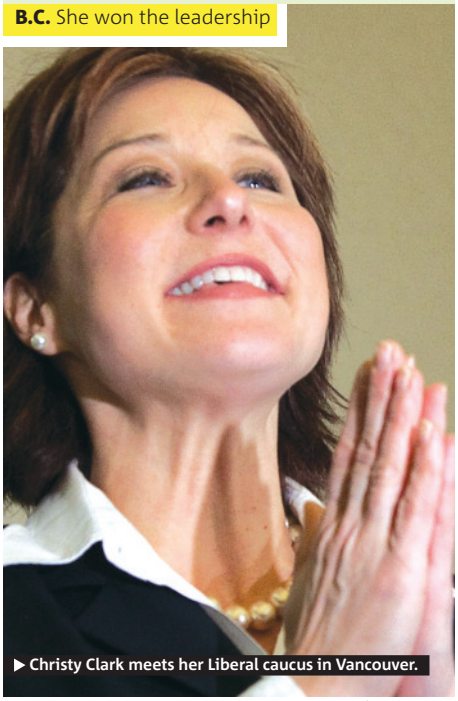
Just froth?

- **Tories' Tim Hudak:** "It just speaks to me of an announcement that they threw together at the last minute to distract from skyrocketing hydro bills."
- **NDP's Peter Kormos:** "The last thing a family member wants walking with their kids through a street festival is some drunk stumbling into them, spilling beer on them and their kids."

B.C. She won the leadership



▶ Christy Clark meets her Liberal caucus in Vancouver.

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No shortage of challenges

B.C. premier-designate Christy Clark has inherited a tough future because of her party's HST, a restive public and a potentially divided caucus.

In bulge battle, U.S. lags behind Canada

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▶ The U.S. still has more beer bellies than Canada.

One in four Canadian adults is clinically obese, compared with one in three in the United States, a new study suggests.

It concluded 24 per cent of Canadians were obese, compared with nearly 34 per cent of Americans.

The study — a collaboration between Statistics Canada and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, conducted between 2007 and 2009 — is believed to be the first to compare obesity rates in both Canada and the U.S.

"In both countries there's work to be done," said U.S. epidemiologist Cynthia Ogden.

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Sex assault battle gets more cash

The Ontario government will spend $15 million over four years in an effort to prevent sexual violence and improve support for survivors of sexual assault.

Laurel Broten, minister responsible for women's issues, says the money will ramp up public education and help survivors get support services.

15 The $15-million plan builds on Ontario's Domestic Violence Action Plan introduced in 2004.

The province says it will improve co-ordination for training police officers, Crown counsel and others dealing with sexual assault cases.

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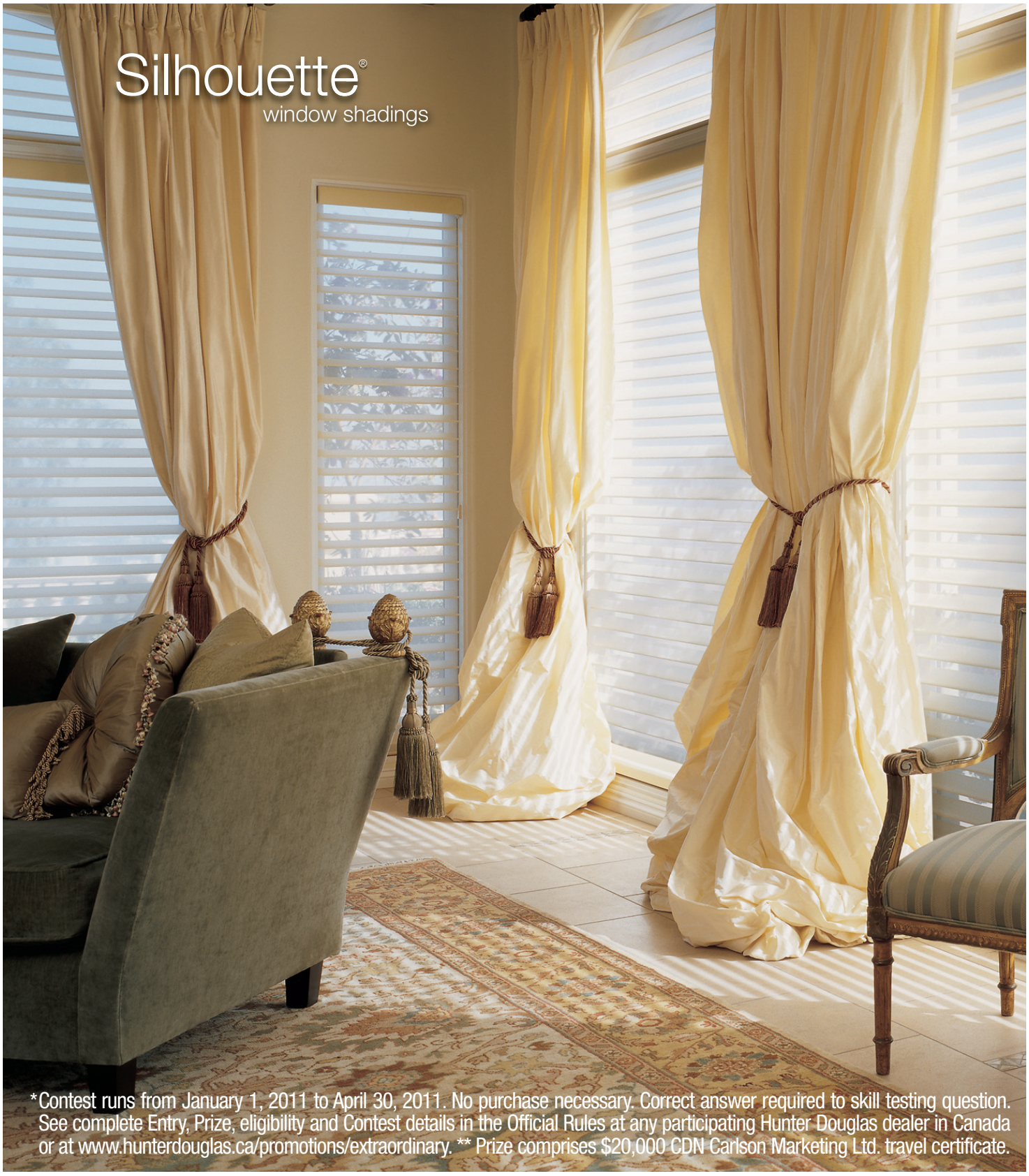

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Libyan rebels retake oil port

At least 10 anti-Gadhafi fighters killed, 18 wounded in the battle for Brega ◆ Angry crowds at hospital chant: 'The blood of martyrs will not go in vain' ◆ Strategic town is home to country's second-largest petroleum facility

Rebel forces routed troops loyal to Moammar Gadhafi in a fierce battle over an oil port yesterday, scrambling over the dunes of a Mediterranean beach through shelling and an airstrike to corner their attackers.

While they thwarted the regime's first counteroffensive in eastern Libya, opposition leaders still pleaded for outside airstrikes to help them oust the longtime leader.

The attack on Brega, a strategic oil facility 740 kilometres east of Gadhafi's stronghold in Tripoli, illustrated the deep difficulties the Libyan leader's armed forces — an array of militiamen, mercenaries and military units — have had in rolling back the uprising that has swept over the entire eastern half of Libya since Feb. 15.

In the capital of Tripoli, Gadhafi warned against U.S. or other Western intervention, vowing to turn Libya into "another Vietnam," and saying any foreign troops coming into his country "will be entering hell and they will drown in blood."

Citizen militias flowed in to Brega from a nearby city and from the opposition stronghold of Benghazi hours away to reinforce the defence, finally repelling the regime loyalists.

"The dogs have fled," one middle-aged fighter shouted, waving his Kalashnikov over his head in victory after Gadhafi's forces withdrew from the town before dusk.

Pro-Gadhafi forces succeeded over the weekend in retaking two small towns. But the major western rebel-held cities of Zawiya and Misrata, near Tripoli, have repelled repeated, major attacks — including new forays against Zawiya yesterday.

In a speech to chanting and clapping supporters in Tripoli, Gadhafi vowed to fight on "until the last man and woman. We will defend Libya from the north to the south." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aid for Libya

Canada is contributing $5 million in aid toward Libya's humanitarian crisis.

- **Prime Minister Stephen Harper** said the cash is for immediate relief, medical aid and shelters.
- **Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi** has said anyone accepting international aid is guilty of "high treason" because it "opens Libya to colonialism."
- **Defence Minister Peter MacKay** said Gadhafi is becoming more demented in his comments, showing he's out of touch with what's going on in Libya.

▶ Libyan rebels celebrate yesterday after retaking the town of Brega from pro-Gadhafi fighters. Regime opponents battled forces loyal to leader Moammar Gadhafi, who tried yesterday to retake the key oil installation in a counteroffensive against the rebel-held eastern half of the country.

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U.K. envoy: Time for clean energy

Chaos in Libya will raise the strategic importance of Alberta's oil sands, but that shouldn't stop energy companies from making a more environmentally friendly product, says Britain's envoy to Canada.

British High Commissioner Andrew Pocock said the crisis in Libya will affect Alberta energy producers.

Much of Libya's oil and gas production has been shut down, as security forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi wage a fierce battle against opposition fighters for control of the country's lucrative oil fields.

The turmoil has kept oil prices above $100 a barrel.

"Resources like the oilsands will become more strategically important," Pocock told The Canadian Press yesterday.

He said, though, that the crisis illustrates the pressing need to find more sustainable, low-carbon energy alternatives.

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Canadians off to Libya

HMCS Charlottetown pulls out of Halifax shortly after 11 a.m. yesterday ◆ The Canadian vessel will meet up with British and U.S. ships already in the Mediterranean ◆ It will take six days to reach the Libyan coast

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Leading Seaman Joseph Quigley held his baby daughter closely yesterday morning, committing everything about her to memory.

"She's six months now and she could be a year when I get back, and that's a huge difference," he said. "I don't know if we've even absorbed it yet."

It was short notice for the 240-plus sailors on board the HMCS Charlottetown. They were put on standby over the weekend, and then on Tuesday Prime Minister Stephen Harper committed the ship to sail to Libya.

It's not exactly clear what they'll do when they get there, but their mission may include evacuating Canadian citizens, providing humanitarian aid and enforcing UN sanctions.

"It could be six months,

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▶ Leading Seaman Pierre Gagnon holds his eight-month-old daughter Jaelynne on the deck of HMCS Charlottetown.

two months or three weeks — who knows? We could get halfway across and they might say come back," Quigley said, adding he's excited about the mission.

"I joined the navy to make a difference in the world.

"With the Middle East and Northern Africa going to hell in a handbasket, it's good that Canada is stepping up with our allies and making sure people are safe."

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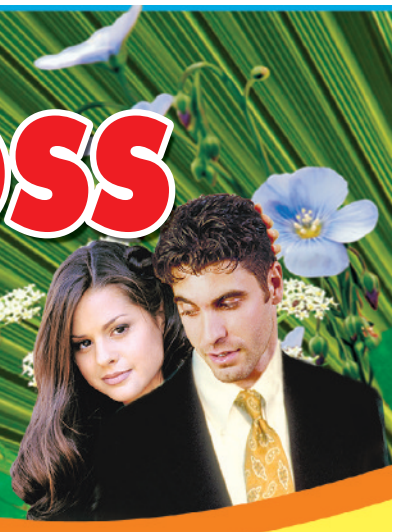

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Fashion icon faces fine, time

Galliano's drunken comments praise Hitler ◐ Designer seeks help

After five days of scandal, Paris prosecutors ordered famed fashion designer John Galliano to stand trial in the coming months over alleged racial insults.

The trial could take place between April and June, and Galliano could face up to six months in prison and more than $30,000 in fines if convicted, the prosecutors office said in a statement.

Video of an inebriated Galliano praising Hitler and the subsequent firing of one of the industry's most talented designers have sent shock waves through Paris Fashion Week, which began Tuesday.

Galliano broke his silence on the issue yesterday.

"Anti-Semitism and racism have no part in our society. I unreservedly apologize for my behaviour in causing any offence," he said in a statement.

The prosecutors said he will face allegations of "public insults based on the origin, religious affiliation, race or ethnicity" against three people.

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▶ Renowned fashion designer John Galliano, dressed in a style reminiscent of Orthodox Jews, walks the catwalk during a 2004 fashion show in Paris.

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Lost letter: Better late than never

70 The letter was finally delivered — 70 years after the date on the postmark — to a Red Cross hospital.

A Second world War-era letter addressed to a woman at a Red Cross hospital in California has been delivered nearly 70 years after its postmark in Alabama, but the mystery of the message remains.

The Montgomery Advertiser reports the letter is addressed to Ms. R.T. Fletcher, American Red Cross Station Hospital, Camp Roberts, California. That building was torn down years ago. Women who worked at the hospital were typically nurses or administrative clerks.

Camp Roberts was closed in 1970, so the letter was delivered to the Camp Roberts Historical Museum. Curator Gary McMaster says he hasn't opened the letter for privacy reasons.

The envelope is torn where the return address would be located, so it's not clear who sent it. But the tear reveals a handwritten letter inside.

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Regret for accusations

Two protesters shot and killed yesterday during anti-government rally in Yemen: Medical official Witnesses: Tear gas used against protesters

The White House says Yemen's president has telephoned his regret for any misunderstanding caused by his public accusations that the U.S. and Israel are behind the unrest threatening his 32-year rule.

During yesterday's call with Homeland Security adviser John Brennan, President Ali Abdullah Saleh also reaffirmed his commitment to political reform.

Thousands of people have been demonstrating across the Middle Eastern country in support of democratic change and Saleh's ouster.

Brennan said comments that seek to lay blame for recent developments in the region are unhelpful.

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▶ An anti-government protester sprays foam to cool off other protesters during a demonstration in Sanaa, Yemen, yesterday.

Woman survives ride on van hood

A California man remains behind bars four days after allegedly driving 56 kilometres on a freeway with his wife clinging to a windshield wiper blade on the hood of their minivan, police said yesterday.

Christopher Michael Carroll, 36, was being held without bail at the San Joaquin County Jail on charges of attempted murder, kidnapping and domestic assault, according to sheriff's department records.

Carroll got into the family's minivan early Saturday morning after he and his wife had an argument at their Manteca, Calif. home, local police said.

"She obviously didn't think he would keep driving."
REX OSBORN, POLICE SPOKESMAN

"She kind of goes with the van to try to stop him, gets up on the hood and is hanging on to the wiper blade," said police spokesman Rex Osborn.

Carroll allegedly sped through Manteca, got on a freeway and didn't pull over until he reached Pleasanton, about 56 kilometres away, Osborn said.

Two witnesses called police from the road, Osborn said. Eventually, Carroll slowed down the vehicle and his wife "was able to roll off," Osborn said.

The driver following the vehicle transported the woman to a nearby hospital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tories stirring trouble: Liberals

Ontario's Liberals are accusing the Opposition Conservatives of trying to cause problems between the people of Caledonia and their neighbours in Six Nations.

The Conservatives say a $116-million expansion of hydro transmission lines near Caledonia was halted because native warriors won't allow workers to put up the wires.

Energy Minister Brad Duguid says the hydro project was stopped in 2006 to let tensions simmer after aboriginal protesters occupied a housing development in Caledonia.

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Main objective is to stay on five-year track to bring government back to surplus: Finance minister

The Conservative government says it's considering measures to help seniors and older workers in the March 22 federal budget, a move that could win NDP support and avert a spring election.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty also announced yesterday that there will be no big new spending and no tax hikes in the budget.

The Tories need the support of at least one opposition party to pass the budget and the Liberals and Bloc Quebecois have all but declared they will not support it.

That leaves the government's fate in the hands of the NDP, which has made tax relief for seniors one of its main requests

Flaherty said the government does not want an election but will only go so far to avoid one, adding that he feels no pressure to give in to opposition demands.

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"We don't need something to reflect on, we need to see action for Canadians, for seniors who are facing a retirement-security crisis in this country, for five million families that are waiting for family doctors, for people who can't afford to pay the bills."

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"I know what we are able to do and what we are not able to do ... in order to deliver a budget that will take us to balance in the medium," he said in announcing the budget date.

But he added that there will be some items that will "engender consideration" among the opposition parties.

The NDP wants the government to increase benefits to seniors under the Guaranteed Income Supplement, and Flaherty suggested he's ready to meet that demand.

"If you actually look at people who need help in Canada, there are a group of older people in Canada who are not entitled to Canada Pension Plan benefits who could use some support from government," he said.

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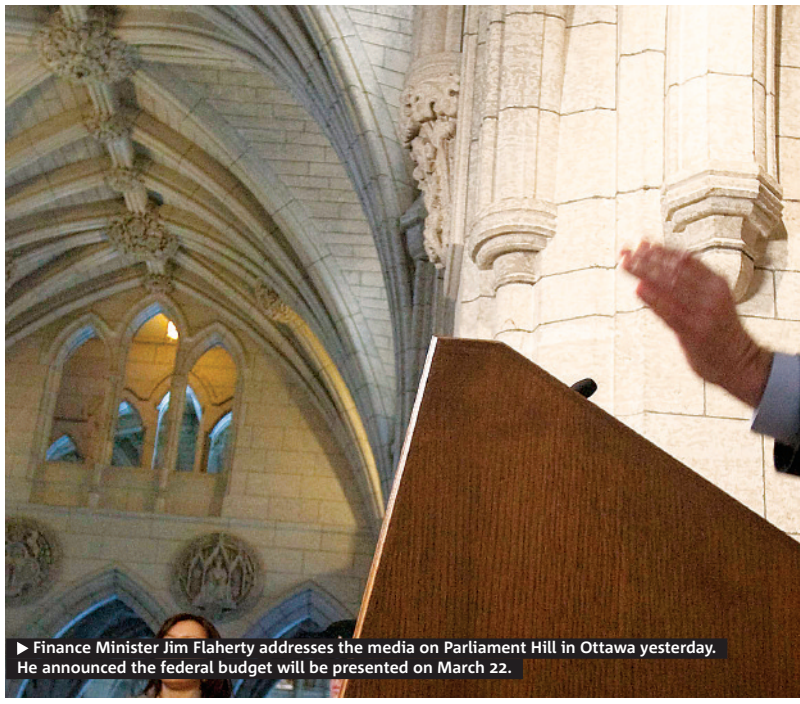

▶ Finance Minister Jim Flaherty addresses the media on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday. He announced the federal budget will be presented on March 22.

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Air India judge unhappy with feds

The judge who led the inquiry into the 1985 Air India bombing is puzzled and disappointed the federal government has shunted aside his key recommendations.

In his report, former Supreme Court Justice John Major called for a beefed-up national security adviser to resolve disputes between the RCMP and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service.

The government rejected that approach, saying it doesn't want to create a new bureaucracy.

In an interview, Major maintained that the idea would not be too unwieldy.

He noted that the Conservatives proposed a similar kind of national security commissioner in their 2006 election platform.

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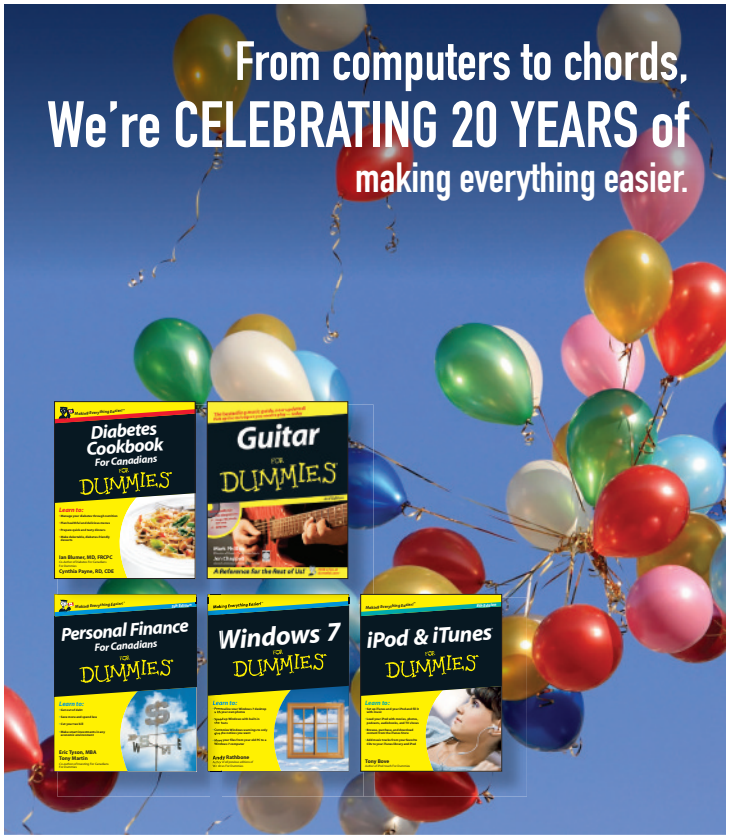

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Guilty plea in murder

Jason MacRae hit his wife with two-by-four, strangled her, wrapped Saran wrap around her head, court hears

A packed courtroom sat in a silence broken only by some muffled sobs as the gruesome details of Paula Gallant's murder were told publicly for the first time yesterday.

Jason MacRae, 37, was to appear at Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax to set a date for trial on a charge of first-degree murder in his wife's death, but instead pleaded guilty to second-degree murder.

"The fact that Mr. MacRae maintained his guise of innocence for almost five years tells this court that he does lack, to some degree, a conscience," Justice Kevin Coady said in rendering the automatic lifetime sentence.

The statement of fact read in court says police got a break in the case after MacRae confessed in detail how he killed his wife to an undercover RCMP officer posing as a member of crime syndicate. The two met in 2009.

On the afternoon of Dec. 27, 2005, MacRae and his wife were arguing over several "minor issues" inside their Timberlea, N.S., home, including a $700 gambling debt he incurred, the court heard.

Gallant was later on the computer when MacRae struck her with a two-by-four in the back of the head. With both hands, he then strangled her and wrapped Saran wrap around her head.

MacRae remembers hearing his daughter crying on the baby monitor as he did it. After going upstairs to feed her, MacRae left the one-year-old in the high-chair as he shoved Gallant's body through a basement window, and into the trunk of her Chevrolet Cavalier. He then drove and left the car at the school where she taught Grade 3.

Justice Coady said MacRae was unable to control his anger in the face of normal and usual dialogue.

"It is he who has failed," Coady proclaimed.

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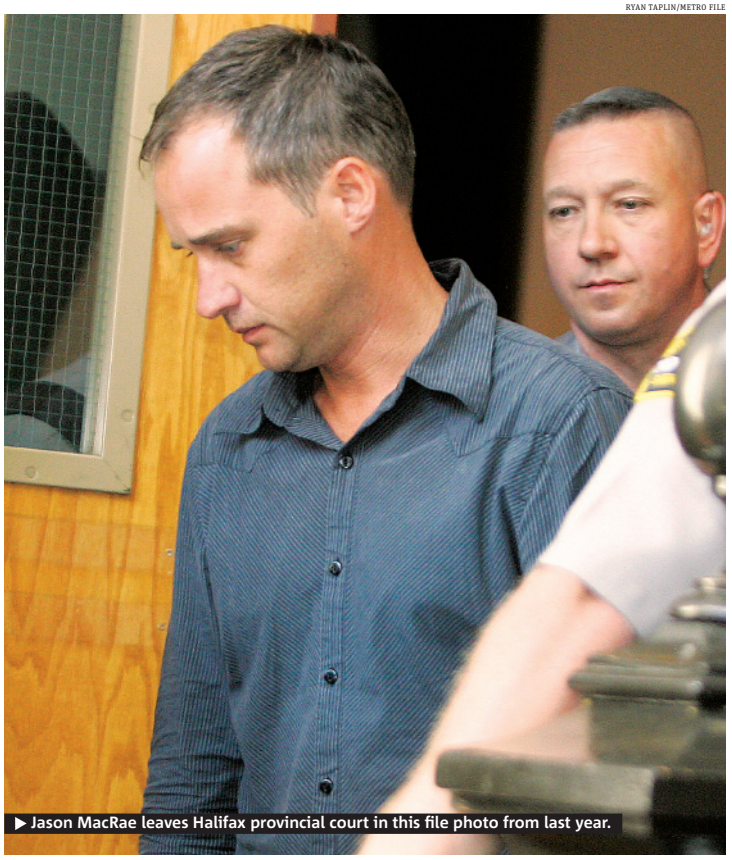

▶ Jason MacRae leaves Halifax provincial court in this file photo from last year.

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Jobs returns for iPad 2

‘I just didn’t want to miss today’
Newly launched device is thinner, faster, sleeker, more connected

Apple CEO Steve Jobs emerged briefly from medical leave and walked on stage to a standing ovation yesterday to unveil the second-generation iPad.

Jobs, 56, looked frail as he appeared at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theater in San Francisco, Calif., in his signature black mock turtleneck, jeans and wire-rimmed glasses.

“We’ve been working on this product for a while, and I just didn’t want to miss today,” Jobs said. “Thank you for having me.”

The iPad 2 tablet computer has a faster processor than the original’s. It comes with two cameras for taking photos and video chatting. The battery life is the same, about 10 hours of use and a month on standby. It’s also thinner: 8.8 millimetres as opposed to the original’s 13.4 millimetres.

“The new iPad 2 is actually thinner than your iPhone 4,” Jobs said.

He also introduced a new accessory for the iPad that lets people connect the tablet to a high-definition TV. Updated software turns iPhones and iPads with 3G cellular connections into personal Wi-Fi hotspots, so you can share the connection with computers or other devices.

The iPad 2 goes on sale in Canada on March 25. Pricing is not yet available.

Jobs announced in January that he would take a third leave of absence to focus on his health. In the past decade, he has survived a rare but curable form of pancreatic cancer and undergone a liver transplant.

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▶ To wild applause, Steve Jobs emerged from medical leave to unveil Apple’s iPad 2, left, at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theater in San Francisco, Calif. The first iPad, right, burst onto the scene last April and sold 15-million units in nine months.

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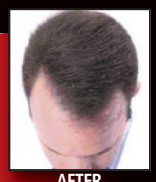
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Condo boom may mean lower prices: Report

- Economist sees signs of oversupply, but no crash
- More and more people favour highrise living

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▶ Construction continues west of the Rogers Centre.

The condominium market in Canada shows "emerging signs of oversupply" but there is no crash imminent, says a report by the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Adrienne Warren, senior economist for the bank, says the outstanding stock of unsold new condos is "higher than average," which could lead to lower prices in 2011, especially "if first-time homebuyer demand weakens more than expected."

However, Warren is not calling for a crash in the condo market. "The overall number of units under construction has stabilized," she told a real estate forum on Tuesday. "We expect these excess units can be absorbed without a major price adjustment."

The condo segment is vulnerable to overbuilding, analysts say. Multi-unit dwellings account for more than half of all new housing being built in Canada. In 1981, about three per cent of homeowners were living in condos. By 2006, that number had surged to 11 per cent. In the Toronto market alone, there were 286 projects being marketed at the end of 2010, thought to be the most of any city in North America.

Warren believes the market can absorb a larger number of condos being built today in part because of favourable demographics. An aging population is moving toward a turnkey lifestyle, and buyers younger than 35 have also turned to highrise living.

Affordability has also been a major factor, since condos are cheaper than single-detached housing, especially in built-up downtown areas.

That could be impacted, however, by higher interest rates and the high-flying Canadian dollar.

Capital Economics analyst Dave Madani has suggested that home prices in Canada are as much as 25 per cent overvalued, and the housing market will shrink this year.

"A downturn in the housing market later this year will lead to further slowdown in consumption growth and a more severe contraction in residential investment," Madani says. "A correction in the overheating housing market could derail the domestic recovery."

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▶ Doug Gilmour, Mark Messier and Guy Carbonneau join young players for a ceremonial puck drop to launch the fifth annual Bring Home a Stanley Cup Champion contest.

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Cinar boss sought in fraud case

The founder of Cinar Corp. faces charges in the alleged fraud of $120 million. Quebec police allege Ronald Weinberg and three other businessmen invested funds without board approval with the intention of making personal gains. The fraud allegedly occurred between August 1998 and March 2000.

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▶ Torontonian H.D. Mathe says she's driving less now because of higher prices.

Pumping up: A bigger 'ouch' to come?

Wholesale prices of gasoline in Canada are up about five cents per litre from a week ago, says Michael Ervin of energy consulting firm Kent Marketing Services Ltd.

"When it goes up that amount, retailers have no choice but to pass that along pretty quickly because in many cases the retail margin is only in the order of five or seven cents per litre," Ervin says.

As spring approaches and more people hit the road, prices will rise further if crude stays high, he says. "That hasn't kicked in yet. We're just seeing, fundamentally, changes at the crude level driving the wholesale price."

The average price at the pump for unleaded gas in Canada was $1.206 per litre on Tuesday, up from $1.152 per litre the previous week, Ervin says.

One of the biggest increases was in St. Catharines, where the price jumped 11.6 cents per litre to $1.219. Quebec was the most expensive region, at $1.269 per litre, up from $1.179 a week earlier. The lowest average price was in Western Canada, at $1.179, up from $1.129.

The price of oil has traded above $100 US a barrel in recent days as fighting has escalated in Libya, an OPEC member and major oil exporter to Europe.

The International Energy Agency said yesterday that between 850,000 and one million barrels per day of Libyan production were suspended.

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The Best New Product Awards honour the top consumer products introduced in the last year, with winners in all three categories determined by the votes of Canadian consumers. The Awards program also asks participants to answer questions about their media habits, purchasing behaviours, interests, and attitudes. For marketers, it's a chance to learn what consumers value most. Here are some of the trends they've uncovered:

A slight majority of Canadians surveyed felt the country was still in recession. "Canadians continue to look to save money," says Robert Levy, President & CEO, Best New Product Awards. "Even so, 72 per cent still like trying new products. Finding new ones that deliver is more important than ever."

This was most evident in the Food & Beverage category, where consumers try to bolster their savings and their health at the same time. Some 30 per cent planned to spend less on groceries in the next 12 months, with more than three in four paying more attention to food labels and trying to eat healthier snacks. A majority believed it important that a new food or beverage product be made from all-natural ingredients (though they aren't purchasing them in greater numbers), and a large percentage seemed focused on home-cooking—68 per cent agreed they enjoyed cooking for themselves and their families.

"Claims of 'low sodium,' 'zero trans fat,' 'all-natural,' and 'preservative-free' continue to resonate," says Levy. "Interestingly, consumers consider organics somewhat more important within

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Concern for environmental issues remains high. Some 84 per cent of consumers were willing to buy reusable bags to reduce the amount of plastic in the environment, though this number is down three per cent from 2010. Another large majority, 83 per cent, felt companies were exploiting environmentally friendly claims for marketing purposes, while 87 per cent still believed manufacturers had a long way to go to reduce their amounts of packaging.

With these concerns in mind, here are the top "purchase drivers" in the three categories, as voted upon by Canadians like you:

✓ FOOD & BEVERAGE

When considering a food purchase, consumers were most often convinced by the product they believed tasted best. Freshness came next. Price was third; healthiness, fourth.

✓ HEALTH & BEAUTY

Price was the top deciding factor for those considering a health or beauty product purchase, followed by simplicity of use, and proven effectiveness. These factors mattered more than a trusted brand (fourth) or 'gentleness' (fifth).

✓ HOUSEHOLD

Consumers were most likely to buy a household product if they believed it was 'effective.' 'Cleans thoroughly' was the second-strongest purchase driver, followed by 'delivers as promised'; then 'is well priced'; and finally, 'works the first time.'

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This was just one of the interesting findings from this year's Best New Product Awards, an annual program focused on everyday items Canadian consumers buy. Consumers not only vote for winning products, they also answer many questions regarding their media habits, purchasing behaviours, interests, and attitudes—giving us insight into current purchasing trends. One of those trends is trust.

"Brand trust depends on consistent satisfactory performance of a brand's products, but the brands ranked as 'most trusted' also benefit from family tradition," says Robert Levy, President & CEO, Best New Product Awards. "Consumer responses revealed the huge influence of mothers in establishing their children's brand preferences."

The top five trusted brands in the Food category would be familiar to any child: Kraft, President's Choice, Campbell's, Kellogg's, and Heinz. The Household category is much the same, led by Mr. Clean, Lysol, Hertel, Vim, and Tide.

Respondents were cagier when it came to the most trusted Health & Beauty brands—names like Tylenol, Jamieson, and Life Brand for health products; Olay, Dove, and Cover Girl for beauty products. Only four in 10 believed private label beauty products were as good as brand name, as opposed to the almost six in 10 who believed this for food, household and over-the-counter health care products.

With the endorsement of thousands of voting shoppers, trust won't be a problem for The Best New Product Awards top winners. They are: Europe's Best Antioxidant Fruit Blend (Best in Show; Best in Food & Beverage category); Trojan Fire & Ice Condoms (Best in Health & Beauty Category); and Arm & Hammer Double Duty Cat Litter (Best in Household Care Category).

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FINDING FAMILY AFTER FLYING THE COUP

He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE

I've often said my parents have given me the strength and confidence to disappoint them at every turn.

My mother and father — by bringing me to church and being true to their home city — gave me the stability I needed to reject God and get the hell of out of town.

That might sound inharmonious, but it actually helped me learn tolerance toward people who are different. I never had to learn to embrace people of different cultures — they were making my breakfast in the kitchen and calling me "dear."

And I loved them long before I realized I had the option not to.

My siblings took a similar route. My parents used the classic template — hardworking dad, stay-at-home mom — and produced a writer in Toronto, a painter in Halifax, and a permanent student in Edmonton. Sometimes it seems like the only thing the two generations have in common is the debt load.

It's a diverse brood, for sure.

There's my brother Andrew, who is possibly the most effortlessly nice person on the planet. He makes Elmo look like Dick Cheney.

There's my sister Erica, the most book-smart of the four in my estimation, though she's probably the least world-smart since she's decided to live in Edmonton.

And there's me: divorcé and atheist extraordinaire.

"The cost of a successful family in a country this large is the price of a divorce in others..."

The exception that proves the rule is my brother Jeff, who has made up for his three childless, nomadic siblings by being an electrician who stayed in the same town and who has alone (though I understand his wife helped) given my parents five grandchildren.

Every time the other siblings see him we all breathe a big, "thank you" under our breath for taking the pressure off.

I've been thinking about family a lot lately because it's become clear to me that I might never see them again.

Before you start checking my apartment for bad poetry, what I mean is the chances of me and my other family members seeing each other at the same time, as a unit, seems slim to nil.

The cost of a successful family in a country this large is the price of a divorce in others — you part ways and promise you'll see each other if you're ever back this way.

I have to make a reunion happen. They'll want to go to church or something, but I'm going to convince them to come to an atheists' meeting.

Mom says I can do anything I set my mind to.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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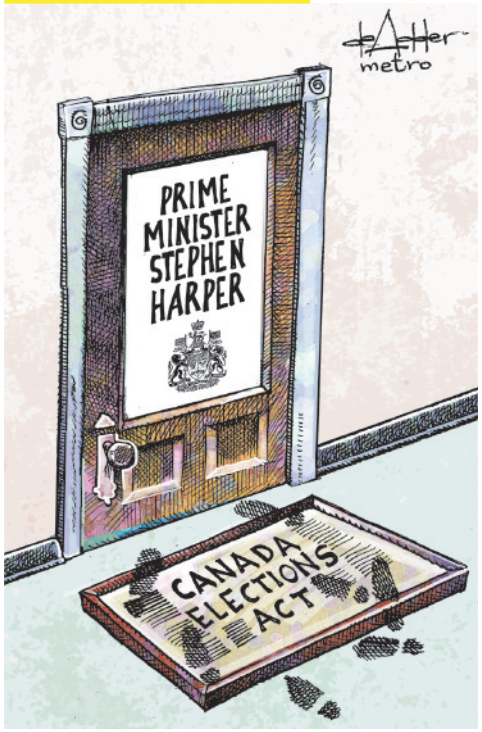

In Conservative coffers

Letters and Tweets

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he respects the way Elections Canada interprets campaign financing law, but says his Conservative party had a difference of opinion during the 2006 election campaign.

Harper is fending off charges laid against four of his top party officials over the so-called in-and-out financing scheme that Elections Canada alleges allowed the Conservatives to exceed their 2006 campaign spending limit by more than $1 million.

The Federal Court of Appeal this week overturned an earlier civil suit victory by the Conservatives, prompting a raucous afternoon in the House of Commons.

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2006 election expenses

PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Elections Canada alleges that 67 Conservative candidates, including three current cabinet ministers, submitted false statements to Elections Canada.

Now, four party officials have been charged for falsifying returns.

The appropriate legal remedy for violating the Elections Act is that they be barred from parliament.

Those candidates who are themselves also members of the legal profession should be disbarred.

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Metro Minute at Bloor Cinema

If there's a film festival in town that doesn't begin with the words "Toronto International" chances are you'll find crowds lined up around the block of this historic Annex gem.

In that regard, you can call it the anti-Cineplex. Sure, it plays its share of Hollywood blockbusters, but you can never anticipate which ones. That's because the theatre operates on a second-run policy, meaning it shows films that exist in that terrifying liminal space between cinematic and DVD releases.

The rest of The Bloor's offerings reads as though cobbled together by an obsessive, eccentric film genius. Where else can you catch a screening of Machete Maidens Unleashed after taking in 127 Hours? Exactly. JORDANA DIVON

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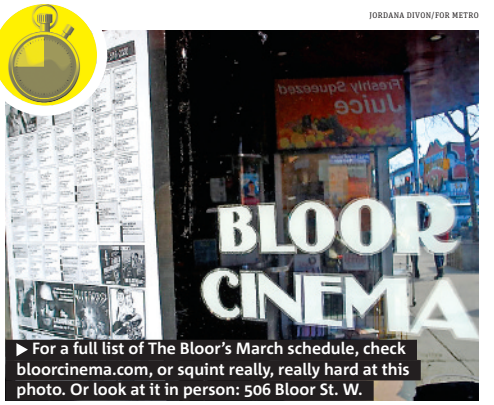

▶ For a full list of The Bloor's March schedule, check bloorcinema.com, or squint really, really hard at this photo. Or look at it in person: 506 Bloor St. W.

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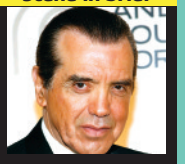

Actor Chazz Palminteri is bringing a taste of the Bronx to Baltimore. The actor, known for roles in The Usual Suspects and A Bronx Tale, says he decided to open a restaurant in Baltimore because that's where his search for the perfect Italian meal ended. Palminteri says he was so impressed with a meal he had at Aldo's Ristorante Italiano in 2009 that he went back 10 times and eventually decided to open a place with the founder and his son.

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Probe of illnesses finds bacteria at Playboy Mansion; other causes not ruled out. Scan for story.

▶ Todd Brown from the Canadian Music Week's film festival had to get a copy of Quadrophenia, a film The Who did the soundtrack for shown here, shipped from Australia.

Hustle, politicking key to film programming

Canadian Music Week's film festival programmer Todd Brown spends weeks working on the movie schedule ◐ Acquiring films is a tough gig

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Amongst the glitz of industry heavyweights and sheer volume of musical acts that Canadian Music Week attracts each year, is the modest Canadian Music Week (CMW) film festival — a nexus point for ground-breaking visuals and sounds. Over the past four years the film festival has evolved from a passion project of CMW's organizers into an ever-evolving showcase for some of the best music movies around.

Todd Brown, who took over as the festival's film programmer after its inaugural run back in 2007, has largely overseen that evolution. A music journalist in the '90s, and editor of international and independent film site twitchfilm.com, Brown snagged the coveted position after a friend put his name forward.

"For me it's about finding films that have a strong music angle to them," he explains. "In some cases that mean music documentaries, and in other cases it's when the score plays an integral part of the film as a whole."

To make sure he gets his prints (theatre-quality copies of the film) and press materials in time, Brown needs to have his schedule firmed up about six weeks before CMW. But while it may sound like a simple task — pick a dozen music-focused movies, find a theatre and press play — in practice, it takes a connected person who's got their ear to the ground (and eyes on the screen) year round.

"There's a lot of politicking," he says. "The programming world is a pretty unique one. There's a pecking order amongst festivals."

Even older films pose some unique problems. To screen Quadrophenia, the 1979 mod classic soundtracked by The Who, film programmers need to obtain permission from the band and their management, then track down a physical print (Brown is importing his from Australia). "They have people whose whole job is to keep people like me from getting to them."

Questions

- **Music** While catching a trippy, psychedelic science fiction flick scored on analogue synthesizers is some people's idea of a fun Saturday night, it's not for everyone. But that large majority will undoubtedly enjoy Music, in which filmmakers asked over 30 stylistically different musicians the same three questions: What is music to you? What is its power? How do you create it?
- "No matter what their particular genre or discipline is, everybody's saying basically the same things," says Todd Brown. "You realize how universal music really is."

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Police take kids away from Sheen

Estranged wife says actor threatened her Court order requires Sheen to stay away from Mueller, twins

Charlie Sheen's estranged wife, Brooke Mueller, obtained a restraining order to keep the actor away from her and their sons because she was afraid of threatening statements he had made in recent days, including threatening to stab her with a pen.

The order prompted police to take the twins from Sheen's Hollywood Hills home Tuesday night and return them to Mueller.

She told the court in a filing that Sheen had also refused to return the boys to her. The order, filed Tuesday and obtained by The Associated Press, requires Sheen to stay 100 yards away from Mueller and their twin sons, Max and Bob.

Sheen has rarely seen the boys in the past year, but took them on Saturday and refused to return them.

According to a sworn declaration filed in the case, Mueller said Sheen told her in a phone call Sunday night, "I will cut your head off, put it in a box and send it to your mom."

She also claimed that Sheen threatened to stab her in the eye with a pen, and that he spit on her feet and punched her on the arm during a recent trip to the Bahamas.

"I am in great fear that he will find me and attack me and I am in great fear for the children's safety while in his care," Mueller wrote.

Earlier, on the Today show, Sheen said he was "very calm and focused" about having the children taken away but was ready to fight to get them back.

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▶ Charlie Sheen and Brooke Mueller in happier times.

Prince gets served

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▶ Prince

A New York City law firm says Prince owes more than $700,000 in legal fees for services that include helping to settle financial obligations to his former wife.

The law firm is suing the Purple Rain singer in state Supreme Court in Manhattan.

Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler says in a lawsuit filed Tuesday the musician failed to pay the firm for handling cases in Ireland, California and New York. It also says it wasn't paid for representing him in his divorce. The law firm says he has paid $125,000.

A call to Prince's Paisley Park Enterprises Inc. in Minnesota went unanswered Tuesday night.

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An affair and a baby carriage for Callie

Sara Ramirez's character on Grey's faces new challenges with her girlfriend and her baby's father

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▶ Sara Ramirez plays Callie on Grey's Anatomy.

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In the seventh season of Grey's Anatomy, things have hardly been slowing down for Sara Ramirez's character, Callie.

But that's good because slowing down wouldn't make for good television.

After breaking up and making up with her girlfriend, Arizona (Jessica Capshaw), Callie now finds herself pregnant thanks to a fling with Mark (Eric Dane) while Arizona was in Malawi.

"These people have ended up in such a complex situation emotionally, mentally, physically," Ramirez says. "For Callie, she's having a child after wanting one for so long.

"And, you know, there are people that, in terms of Arizona, just don't understand why anybody would stick around when your ex-partner went off and got pregnant with somebody else's child and now you're going to parent that child. It's so rich."

The fans have certainly let their voices be heard on the matter, according to Ramirez.

"I love the storyline, and I'm thrilled for what's happened. It's making a lot of people upset or excited, but that's a good thing," she says.

But what's most exciting for Ramirez is the material she'll get to work with going forward into such a complex storyline.

"Assuming that the baby is born and everything is going to be fine with the child, I think it's really interesting what could happen for these people.

"(It'll be fun to see) how the opportunity and potential to grow as people (changes them, as they) figure out how they fit in into this complex dynamic," she says. "I'm excited to play it with Jessica and Eric."

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Metro interview

▶ There's more to Kevin McKidd than going shirtless on Grey's.

The actor has come a long way from his humble beginnings in Scotland Metro gets his thoughts on everything from going shirtless to being a director

KEVIN MCKIDD TALKS GREY'S ANATOMY

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

Actor Kevin McKidd has made an impression both in front and behind the camera since joining Grey's Anatomy in 2008.

Metro spoke with McKidd about getting used to life on a successful TV series, taking the reins as a director and the inevitable shirtless-ness that comes with doing a Shonda Rhimes show.

Growing up in Scotland, did you imagine that you'd be on this type of huge American TV series?

No, no. You know, I was destined to become a plumber like my father, really. I mean, I always knew I wanted to be an actor, but I didn't expect it. I thought maybe I might, like, get as far as London if I was lucky. I never even left Scotland until I was 20 so I was pretty sheltered.

You took on directing an episode for the first time this season.

That's a totally different kettle of fish. I lost a lot of hair and a lot of sleep over that. We've had that experience as actors where directors aren't prepared. So I think, being the actor, you feel painfully aware that you've got to show up prepared.

How was directing your peers and your co-workers?

I was nervous about it. I thought, Oh, my God, how is it going to be directing everyone? But everyone, for me, was fantastic. I felt really touched and moved, actually, at how everybody just really went to bat for me because they knew it meant a lot and didn't want to screw up.

Are you shirtless a lot on set?

I didn't get shirtless while I directed. I haven't been shirtless for a few episodes (laughs). I think it's more when you first start on the show, you have to sort of establish your shirtlessness. Then it's kind of a given from that point on (laughs). It's almost like that's the gates you have to pass through before you're really in the show.

Did you audition shirtless?

No, although I have in other things over the years. That's very embarrassing. I remember I auditioned for a thing. I met with the director and we talked about the script. I auditioned and they loved my reading. They said, "OK, so now you've got to take your shirt off." I took my shirt off and they said, "OK, we'll call you back."

Do you know that when we Google your name, the third thing that comes up on Google is "Kevin McKidd shirtless"?

What are the first two things is what I want to know. All I think is that I need to get to the gym when I hear that.

Giving voice to a legend

The man behind Thumper talks about making the classic Disney movie that is out on Blu-Ray and DVD

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When meeting the sweetly reserved Peter Behn, you'd never guess that he once voiced one of the most beloved characters in the Disney canon. There's no trace of Bambi's hyperactive bunny buddy Thumper in Behn's voice now as he was only a child when he recorded the role.

"At age four, I did not read the script," Behn recalled while visiting Toronto to promote the recent release of Bambi on Blu-ray. "The director would read each line with the inflection of how it was supposed to sound and then I would mimic it back. We kind of made a game out of it and it was meant to be fun. That's where you get the enthusiasm in the voice. I was just playing."

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▶ Peter Behn

Through that simple game, Behn created a character that has resonated for almost 70 years. He recorded the role slowly over two years while Walt Disney and his team of animators constantly rewrote and designed the film.

"When I started, I was just playing 'the rabbit,'" revealed Behn. "They didn't even have the name Thumper yet. There were something like eight recording sessions over a two-year period. The whole movie evolved over the course of making it. There was a freedom to experiment then that I just don't think they get to do anymore."

Peter Behn may never have acted again, but he remains proud of his work in Bambi and the impact the film has had on generations of children. However, he does admit that young fans sometimes find it difficult to see him as Thumper.

"When a young family finds out I'm in the film, the kids usually aren't too impressed," Behn said. "They have a hard time relating to the fact that this old man could have been the voice of this creature. Fortunately, their mothers in particular are always very impressed."

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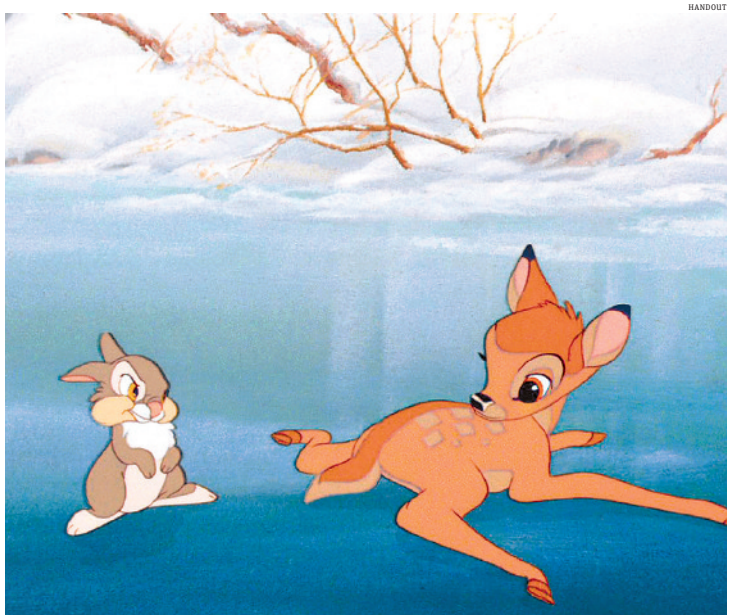

▶ The classic Disney movie Bambi was released in a Diamond edition on DVD and Blu-Ray earlier this week. This edition includes some characters that were cut from the original film.

Elton and hubby get invite afterall

It turns out Elton John and husband David Furnish will be attending the upcoming royal wedding after all.

"We do have an invitation," John says in an interview with CTV. "I've been trying to be discreet."

But now that it's out in the open, he's happy to discuss the happy couple, saying that Kate Middleton "isn't Diana in personality," referring to her shyness.

"She is very discreet, she is a very beautiful girl," John says. "They have been together a long time, and I think she has handled the pressure so much."

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▶ Elton John

He also hopes Prince William's rise to power comes sooner rather than later. "I think we need young people like him to lead," he says. METRO

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Royal officials launch website for Prince William's April wedding to Kate Middleton ◐ Site hosted by Google App Engine to handle traffic

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▶ Prince William and Kate Middleton will marry on April 29.

They've got the carriage, the abbey and a national holiday in their honour. Now Prince William's marriage with Kate Middleton is getting what every young engaged couple really needs — a wedding website.

Tech-savvy couples the world over set up websites to feature their nuptials. Such sites give guests a handy way to get directions, browse photos, buy gifts or even choose music.

Although Internet users aren't likely to get much say in the royal reception's playlist, fans will find photos, updates, videos and more on officialroyalwedding2011.org, a site that Prince William's office, St. James' Palace, says may be used to livestream the event itself.

Much of the site consists of content from the royals' existing social media ventures, such as the British Monarchy's Facebook site.

But officials are promising exclusive content about the wedding, including that most coveted detail of all — Middleton's gown — when they are made public.

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Collector coins

The Royal Canadian Mint is striking a new series of collector coins commemorating the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton in April.

- **Details of the coins** will include an "eye-catching technological feature."
- **In May,** the mint will also launch a set of collector coins marking the 60th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's reign.
- **The first two silver coins** in its Continuity of the Crown Series will be released March 15, portraying princes William and Harry in ultra-high relief.

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Will Harper go?

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- **Prime Minister** Stephen Harper and his wife, Laureen, have both been invited to the royal wedding, a Harper spokesman told Postmedia News.
- **But the couple** have not yet confirmed if they will be attending.

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Suspect arrested in attack on royals' car

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▶ Charles and Camilla

Police in London have arrested a man suspected of participating in an attack on a car carrying Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, in December.

Metropolitan Police said they arrested a 34-year-old man yesterday on suspicion of violent disorder and criminal damage in connection with a student protest on Dec. 9.

The couple's car was surrounded by protesters who hit the car with objects including bottles.

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Crowds cheer Billy's first show

Movie-turned-musical off to a great start 14-year-old lead prompts crowd to huge ovations

Toronto theatre-goers gave Billy Elliot a rapturous opening-night reception Tuesday, spontaneously leaping to their feet midway through the performance to cheer 14-year-old Canadian star Cesar Corrales.

Montreal-raised Corrales turned in a dazzling dance showcase, as well as a breathtaking number in which he literally took flight.

To borrow the title of one of the production's most memorable songs, there was clearly an "Electricity" in the air at the city's Canon Theatre on Tuesday, with Billy Elliot's Toronto-raised executive producer David Furnish and his partner Elton John (who wrote the show's music) in the audience.

The stage show was born after John was moved to tears by the Billy Elliot movie (released in 2000), about a young boy who lives in an English coal-mining town in the 1980s and yearns to become a dancer, despite his father's disapproval.

Mirvish Productions says audiences during the preview period have routinely offered up spontaneous standing ovations in the middle of the show.

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Behind the scene

The stage show is based on the Billy Elliot movie from 2000.

- **The Performance** is about a young boy who lives in an English coal-mining town in the 1980s and yearns to become a dancer, despite his father's disapproval.
- **Make no mistake,** while Billy Elliot is a heart-warming tale (some might even call it sappy), it's a salty show, set as it is in a rough-and-tumble town.
- **The casting crew** has done a bang-up job of assembling a group of "normal" kids who look like they might very well be taking part in a small-town ballet class.

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▶ Actor Cesar Corrales playing the lead role of Billy Elliot appears with cast members in the finale of the musical Billy Elliot during the show's premiere in Toronto on Tuesday.

Witchcraft puts book on top

A Discovery of Witches reached the hardcover best-seller list before it even hit bookstores. How? Well, it wasn't witchcraft. Author and history professor Deborah Harkness explains how the buzz to be able to nail that achievement was developed (hint: nerds help).

How did the huge buzz around your book start?

I think it started with an appearance I made at Comic Con in October, where they handed out some advance copies and buttons. And closer to the publication date, we got some advance praise on the Internet and in print media.

In A Discovery of Witches, they're academics. How do you make it seem sexy?

Academia can be really dry and stuffy but it's not always the case. Libraries are magical; it's a place where infinite possibilities can happen. I just took that idea to the last degree.

Reading and knowing things is sexy — I'm gratified knowing that my readers think nerds are sexy.

DOROTHY ROBINSON

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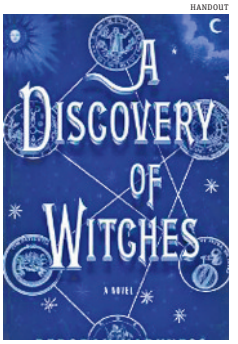

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▶ Ryan Gosling

Katie sues over drug use story

- Magazine says it stands behind story
- Holmes calls it 'beyond the pale'

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▶ Katie Holmes

Katie Holmes has filed a libel suit against Star magazine for publishing a cover story insinuating she is a drug addict, according to Popeater.

"Of all the fabricated stories that continue to be published about me, this instance is beyond the pale," Holmes says in a statement.

"The publisher knew this outrageous story was false and printed it anyway to sell magazines."

For its part, the magazine is sticking to its story. "We have not been served with any papers yet, however Star fully stands behind the editorial integrity of what we have published," a rep for the magazine says. METRO

Ryan Gosling having a Wilde time?

Olivia Wilde and Ryan Gosling have been spotted out and about together, prompting speculation that the two actors are dating, according to Us Weekly.

The pair was reportedly spotted walking hand-in-hand and smiling at an aquarium in Cincinnati, though a fan-recorded video of the sighting was later removed from YouTube.

Wilde recently separated from her Italian prince husband, Tao Ruspoli. "She wanted to get divorced for the typical Hollywood reasons," a source says. "Her career exploded, and she saw being married as not much fun." METRO

Aguilera needs rehab: Friends

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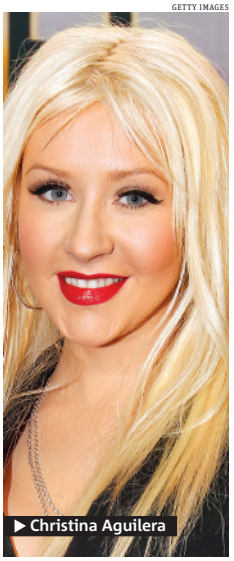

▶ Christina Aguilera

After her arrest for public intoxication, Christina Aguilera's friends are reportedly begging the singer to go into rehab, according to TMZ.

"Maybe when she was married she was able to keep it under wraps, but it's out in the open now," a source says of Aguilera's drinking, adding that before her arrest, the singer has blown off any requests for her to seek treatment.

As for her arrest, Aguilera doesn't have much more legal trouble to worry about. "We have no desire to prosecute," a law enforcement spokesman tells People magazine.

"When she was able to navigate and to think on her own and make her own way, she was released." METRO

Not so broken up

Though they reportedly split up last month, Amanda Seyfried and Ryan Phillippe are still very much dating, according to People magazine. "They're figuring it out," a source says of the on-again, off-again couple. "When it's good, they're really good together."

The couple was spotted together at a number of parties during Oscar week, including one at the Soho House, where they stayed on the patio most of the time before leaving together. "Amanda seemed a bit uneasy but they were very much a couple," a guest says. METRO

Hair-raising price for Bieber locks

Justin Bieber's legions of fans can no longer say the teen sensation's famous hair is priceless.

A lock of Bieber's hair that was salvaged from his recent haircut sold for $40,668 US yesterday, with the winning bid coming from the online casino GoldenPalace.com.

The hair was enclosed in a Plexiglas box signed by the Stratford, Ont., singer.

Proceeds from the auction will go to the Gentle Barn Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides a safe haven for abused children and farm animals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Richards' daughter arrested in N.Y.

New York City police say Keith Richards' daughter has been arrested after she was allegedly seen painting graffiti on the side of a building in Manhattan.

Authorities say 25-year-old Theodora Richards was arrested on graffiti and drug charges after officers noticed her painting the letters "T-N-A" on the side of a building in the swank SoHo section of Manhattan on Tuesday evening. No other arrests were made, though it's not clear if she was alone at the time.

Richards is one of the Rolling Stone rocker's four children. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Celebrity tweets

Charlie Sheen [@charlie sheen] Just got invited to do the Nancy Grace show... I'd rather go on a long road trip with Chuck Lorre in a '75 Pacer....

Lindsay Lohan [@Lindsay Lohan] Great creative meeting today.... but why is it so cold in LA? lol

Lance Armstrong [@lancearmstrong] Just got to Portland. What's up w/ this weather?.

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- The world's fashion elite touched down in Milan this past week for MFW 11/12
- Here are five stand-out shows that reminded us that la vita (e la moda) è bella!

Milan runway roundup

KENYA HUNT
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ALBERTA FERRETTI

Gone were the wispy, romantic Talitha Getty-inspired dresses from last season. Alberta Ferretti took her collection to a more structured, 60s inspired place for fall with tent-shaped dresses and coats in jewel tones (an emerging trend for Milan?) and tailored trouser and A-line top pairings. The show was also high on shine factor (metallic coats, shimmery sequined dresses and crystal embroidered frocks), which has proven to be a major trend for autumn/winter 2011. Her floaty chiffon evening gowns that closed the show were exquisite and seasonless.

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The slightly bohemian collection was softer and quieter than the gold glamazons they created last season, but it was similar in that layering played a big part. Models paraded in front of a front row that included Kanye West and Sofia Coppola in long wool, cinched waist swing coats worn over slightly longer, floaty dresses. When it was all said and done, the collection left no question of the sisters' maturing craftsmanship.

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GUCCI

Frida Giannini kicked Milan Fashion Week off with '70s silhouettes (wide-leg trousers, knee-length coats with massive fur collars and floaty maxi dresses) that dominated her collection last season. This time, she worked with a colour palette of jewel tones such as emerald green, ruby and amethyst. Her brazenly glamorous daywear and red carpet perfect evening wear seemed to fall right in line with the trend for luxury that started in the New York shows. Then again, this is a look that the Milanese have always owned.

FENDI

If trapeze and tent shapes are a major outerwear message for autumn in Milan, then Karl Lagerfeld must have authored that memo. His collection with its subtle sense of English countryside chic had a grown-up sophistication and a youthful edge. It was both glamorous and sporty. The show began with knee-length coats and jackets that swung away from the body in olive, navy and khaki and then segued into beautifully constructed, shaggy coats. A palette of unexpected colour combos (sapphire blue, saffron and olive; yellow, maroon and brown) added to the visual excitement of it all.

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BRIONI

A runway show is nice and all. But for most women, the shopping decisions happen on the salesroom floor, touching the clothes on the rack. Brioni's Alessandro Dell'Acqua created a collection that was filled with those kinds of wearable pieces that make an impact in the store. They incorporated some of the season's trends, but in a subtle, wearable way that won't turn you into a fashion victim: a timeless cashmere sweater updated with ribbing, tailored trousers in a slightly subdued version of the It-color fuschia, and a shimmery silk georgette dress embellished with small pyrite stones.

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Micelle Who?

You may have noticed this word hanging around the facial cleanser aisle: Micelle. A micelle cleanser is a no-rinse formula that literally grabs makeup, oil and the day's grime from the skin's surface without the need for scrubbing. Good for sensitive skin and removes eye makeup, too. Try La Prairie Cellular Cleansing Water. $100, www.laprairie.com

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Jay Manuel to debut collection

Canadian Jay Manuel is putting his own stamp on fashion by heading up a new collection for Sears Canada. The America's New Top Model personality and Canada's Next Top Model host has signed on as creative director of Attitude Jay Manuel, the retailer's private label collection. The Toronto-born fashion and beauty expert inked a multi-year deal with Sears Canada to helm the line. Manuel will be involved in all aspects of the collection including product development and design. In addition to women's apparel, the line will include shoes, bags and accessories.

"The time is right to return home to Canada and bring all my worldly inspirations to a fashion line that empowers women," Manuel said in a release.

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'La scandale Galliano' casts pall over start of Paris Fashion Week. Scan or visit metronews.ca for story.

Fashionistas are lovin' Leighton

The Gossip Girl star and face of Italian label Missoni opens up about her relationship with fashion

NED EHRBAR & KENYA HUNT
METRO WORLD NEWS

"I've never gone through so much makeup in my life," says Leighton Meester of her bouffantastic, teased and primped look as a young, ambitious singer in the movie Country Strong. "Tons of eyelashes and mascara and lips and acrylic nails and the whole thing," she adds. And don't get her started on the extensions. "There was so much extra hair in there! It felt like a cemetery. The outside was nice, but the inside was crunchy. And then on top of it, a blue leather dress with gold sparkly heels and a little cross for good luck," she adds.

It was foreign territory for the Gossip Girl actress who seems to be catching up with co-star Blake Lively in terms of fashion cred. Lively is the new face of Chanel, Meester's the new face of Missoni. In real life, Meester describes her personal look as being much more low-key. "I really like those days where I can just wear sweatpants, to be honest. When I'm actually going to go somewhere, I like to be comfortable and casual," she says in typical celebrity self-deprecation style. But she admits that she steps the dressing up a notch for fashion events. "If I'm doing something a little bit more fashion, I like to go a bit further," she says. By "further" she means red carpet looks that are hardcore editorial favourites like Marc Jacobs, Vionnet and Versus, rather than Hollywood staples like Giorgio Armani and Elie Saab. "I think it becomes about expressing yourself and being comfortable and, you know, wearing what you like."

▶ Leighton Meester is giving Blake Lively competition as the most fashion-conscious Gossip Girl.

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Dining by the rules

Karl Lohnes offers some subtle ways to improve the look of your dining room

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With winter looking like it's lingering longer than I hoped for, I've decided to hold a few more Sunday night dinner parties.

It's a great way to keep in touch with friends before patio season. With more emphasis on the dining area, there are many considerations to make — size, shape and style are all equally important.

The most common decorating mistakes in dining rooms are often to do with size, proportion and comfort level. Here are a few suggestions to help.

Drum shade lighting is a modern way to add interest over the dining table. Rossini Pendant; sears.ca.

Table shape

The best way to choose the shape of your table is to follow the shape of the space you've put aside for dining. If rectangular in shape then choose an oval or rectangular-shaped table. If square, then a round or square-shaped table will fit best.

Keep in mind that the table needs three feet of clearance on all sides to fit comfortably into the dining area. The most perfect dining table is a 54-inch pedestal-based round table with a leaf extension. Round can generally fit more people (no corner to contend with) and the pedestal base means no legs to accommodate either.

Chair style

In order to get away from the "matchy" look that our parents had I suggest dining chairs that look different from the table. My favourite trick is to add modern chairs to a traditional style table or vice versa. A Parson style chair with an upholstered seat and back tend to be the most comfortable and can easily be transported as side chairs or extra seating in other rooms. The lower the back of the chair, the more modern the chair style generally is.

▶ Mixing and matching colours can add pizzazz around a dining table. Cody dining chair; westelm.com.

China cabinets

Remember that adding a large cabinet to your dining room will most likely offset the centre of the room (this often results in swagging

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your chandelier to re-centre itself over the dining table).

The trend these days is to choose a long and low credenza style cabinet. It acts as a great storage centre, its top is at a respectable height to be used as a server, and will not intrude in the room as a taller, bulkier traditional cabinet might.

Area rugs

I am not always a fan of placing an area rug under the dining table — it's a warzone for spills, drips and wear and tear from chair legs.

The right sized rug is important; make sure the rug is 18 to 24 inches larger on all sides of the table. The chairs must be sitting well on the rug when pushed in at the table.

Consider an area rug that has a plain centre and decorative border that will frame up the table and chairs nicely.

Chandelier

I am a big fan of matching the chandelier not to the table or chair styles but the environment. If you live in a modern condo then choose a modern-style. If you live in an arts and crafts home then choose arts and crafts as your style for a chandelier. Measuring for the right size is easy. Your chandelier's diameter should be two inches for every foot of width in the dining space (if you have a 10-foot wide dining area, you get a 20-inch diameter chandelier). Hang your chandelier 30 to 36 inches above the top of the table and of course install a dimmer switch to create a relaxing mood.

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Although I don't have the space for a detailed plumbing how-to, let me reassure you of one thing. You can stop that dripping tap in less than an hour. New taps? A few hours.

Fixing a washer is a simple matter of (1) shutting off the water supply; (2) opening up the tap to drain the water out of the system; (3) using a flathead screwdriver to pry off the decorative cap; (4) removing the screw underneath; (5) removing the handle and the brass nut on the top of the "stem"; (6) taking the stem to your local hardware store and; (8) having them sell you a new black rubber washer (or sometimes, a pack of different sizes).

Back it all goes, in reverse order, and you have now become the man (or the woman) of the house.

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TALKING ABOUT THE POWER OF ATTORNEY

Legal Matters

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We have purchased a new home that is due to close in 10 days and one of the things we put in place was a power of attorney for my husband so I can sign closing documents on his behalf, because he travels a lot on business. As it turns out, he is going to be out of town leading up to the transaction.

On the advice of our lawyer, we had obtained the approval of our bank, which is providing us with a mortgage to allow the use of a power of attorney when we are closing the transaction.

Now our lawyer is telling us that the bank's central mortgage processing office will not accept the signature of me as the power of attorney on their documents and they require that my husband attend on closing with valid identification. What to do now?

Your situation is not unique as many people attempt to purchase homes with the use of a power of attorney. Essentially, the idea here is that one person gives legal authority for another individual to sign on their behalf for events such as the purchase of a home.

In this case, you were well advised to obtain the approval of the bank for the use of the power of attorney.

The problem with this process is that often the bank officers at the branch level will indicate that there is no problem using a power of attorney. However, the underwriting department (the risk assessors on your file) will not allow the use of powers of attorney.

So, your clearing of the use of this document to assist you with the purchase of your new home is useless. The real source of power and approval is always the central mortgage office for your lender.

If you want to be sure of the transaction, get the approval in writing upon which you can rely if the upper powers that "be" decide that your documents need to be signed by a relative far, far away.

Otherwise, your husband is going to be boarding an expensive flight home to sign documents.

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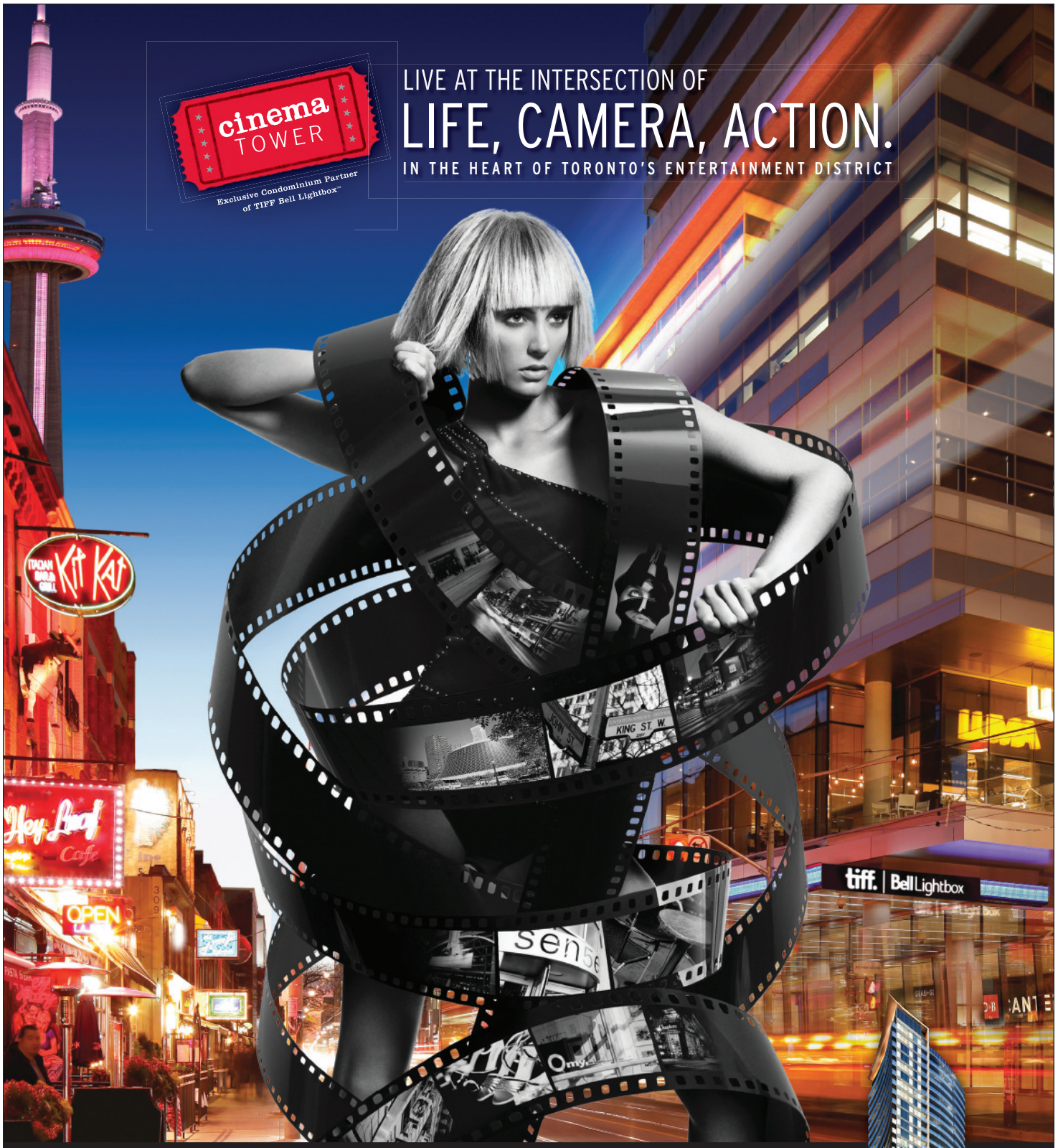

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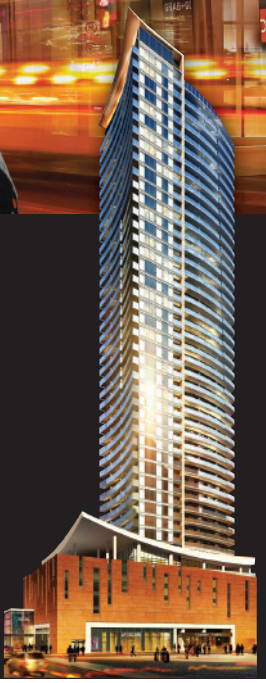

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LEADING ECONOMIST LIKES GTA MARKET

Rooftop Surfing

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It was so cold in Banff during the annual conference of the Canadian Home Builders' Association held there last week that the ski resorts shut down twice. So it's a good thing I wasn't there for a holiday.

I was there for all the council and committee meetings, particularly the Economic Research Committee, featuring presentations from leading private and public sector economists and institutions as well as the major banks.

This meeting is technically "off the record," which means I'm not supposed to be telling you what I heard, which I mention so you know that the speakers are all there to give their best advice to builders who are there so they can make informed business decisions going forward.

Dr. Peter Andersen, consulting economist to the CHBA, cut right to the chase saying that 2011 will be a good year as positive economic factors are going to outweigh the financial concerns. Among those positive factors, Andersen sees the U.S. finally moving into growth mode. He noted that the average age of U.S. motor vehicles has never been higher, and big-ticket purchases, including new homes, can't be put off forever.

On the domestic front, Andersen highlighted the very positive employment situation in Canada, where 72 per cent of the new jobs are full-time, with the statistically important adult male component looking equally good. Speaking to interest rates, Andersen said they will be "homebuilder friendly" into 2012.

As for the Greater Toronto Area, Andersen described it as an "economic hotspot." The Toronto Region doesn't get the credit it deserves — it's on fire, he says. As cold as it was outside, those words certainly warmed up my spirits and outlook for the year ahead.

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It's not a show about hoarding

Organizational guru Peter Walsh digs beneath the clutter for OWN series

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Peter Walsh

Clutter cleanup king Peter Walsh says he's got a soft spot for Canadian fans, noting they've proven to be among his most dedicated neat freaks.

"I don't know what it is about Canadians but they love their TLC, their home makeovers, their what's-happening-in-people's-homes kind of shows," Walsh says by phone from Los Angeles.

"I've always been incredibly welcomed in Canada and, in fact, Canada is the only place where I've had to leave a public forum because I had fans chasing me."

The Australian organizational guru recalls a visit to Toronto three years ago when a trip to the mall turned into an impromptu meet-and-greet with fans.

"As I was trying on a pair of pants in the changing room I could hear people saying, 'No, it's definitely him. I'm sure it's him. No, it's him,'" he recalls.

"And I came out of the change room and there were about 20 people standing there wanting an autograph. It was hilarious on the one hand and a total freakout on the other."

Walsh endeared himself to untidy TV addicts as part of TLC's former makeover series Clean Sweep, in which a group of design experts transformed an overwhelmed homeowner's space into a serene retreat.

Now he's helming his own series, Enough Already! with Peter Walsh on OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network, which officially launched in Canada this week. OWN has been airing in the U.S. since Jan. 1.

Here, the focus is on helping people rid their homes of clutter and in getting pack rats to deal with the underlying issues that keep them buried by belongings.

Stories include a mom with a quilting hobby whose fabric and material take over so much of the family home her grandchildren can no longer visit, and a relentless bargain hunter whose mounting purchases threaten the survival of her marriage.

Canadians got a taste of Enough Already! back in January when W Network aired one episode as part of an OWN preview.

Enough Already! with Peter Walsh begins airing regularly on OWN on Thursday before settling into its regular time slot on Mondays.

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It's maple season — eh!

The quintessential Canadian sap is for more than just drizzling over pancakes Try these salmon and parsnip recipes for a sweet touch at dinner

With sap flowing from the trees, salmon is a perfect pairing for it. The fish's rich, savoury side is nicely complemented by the gentle sweetness of maple syrup.

To add a bit more complexity to Maple-Thyme Poached Salmon dish, thyme and soy sauce are added to the maple syrup.

The meal is served over skillet-roasted potatoes.

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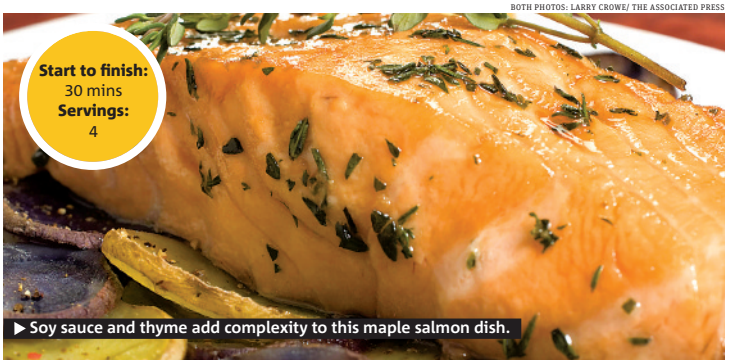

▶ Soy sauce and thyme add complexity to this maple salmon dish.

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F).
2. In ovenproof skillet over medium-high, heat oil, swirling to coat pan. Arrange potato slices over bottom of skillet, overlapping and layering. Sprinkle potatoes with salt and black pepper. Cook 5 minutes, then transfer to oven and cook until tender, about 20 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, cook salmon. In a sauté pan, stir together maple syrup, soy sauce and thyme. Heat over medium until just bubbling around edges.
4. Add salmon fillets and cook for 3 to 4 minutes for salmon that is 2.5 cm (1 inch) thick. Use a spatula to turn salmon fillets over and cook for another 4 minutes or until just barely pink at middle and beginning to flake. Use a slotted spatula to remove from pan. Serve with potatoes.

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Ingredients:

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) vegetable or canola oil
- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) new potatoes, very thinly sliced
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 250 ml (1 cup) maple syrup
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) soy sauce
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh thyme
- 1 kg (2 lb) salmon, trimmed, skinned and cut into 4 fillets

Maple-Garlic Roasted Parsnips

In this recipe for garlic-maple roasted parsnips, maple syrup serves as deliciously sweet coating.

If parsnips aren't your thing, feel free to substitute carrots, beets or other root vegetables.

Ingredients:

- 1 kg (2 lb) parsnips, peeled and cut into 2.5-cm (1-inch) pieces
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 6 ml (1 1/4 tsp) salt
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) maple syrup, or more to taste
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 5 ml (1 tsp) ground black pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) granulated maple sugar

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl, combine parsnips, garlic, salt, maple syrup and oil. Toss well to coat, then transfer to prepared baking sheet, arranging parsnips in an even layer.
3. Bake for 45 minutes or until tender and starting to brown. During roasting, stir parsnips every 15 minutes for even browning.
4. In small bowl, mix together black pepper and maple sugar. Sprinkle over parsnips, then return them to the oven for another 5 minutes.

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Leafs keep pace in playoff chase

OT win over Penguins leaves Toronto four points out of eighth

A rare third-period comeback kept the Toronto Maple Leafs in the Eastern Conference playoff picture.

Mikhail Grabovski scored 42 seconds into overtime last night to give the Maple Leafs a 3-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins. Grabovski took a nice pass from Phil Kessel, who tied the game in the third period, and stuffed a shot behind Marc-Andre Fleury to bring the Air Canada Centre crowd to its feet.

The Leafs improved to 3-24-3 this season in games where they trail after two periods. More importantly, they moved back within four points of eighth-place Carolina heading into tonight's road game in Philadelphia.

It was far from the best effort from a tired-looking Toronto team that still managed to improve to 9-2-4 since the all-star break.

Nikolai Kulemin had the other goal for the Maple Leafs (28-27-9).

Matt Niskanen and Chris Conner replied for Pittsburgh (37-21-7).

Some bizarre scheduling saw the Penguins play their second consecutive game at the Air Canada Centre. They returned to Pittsburgh for a couple days of practice after Saturday's 6-5 shootout victory over the Maple Leafs before coming back to Toronto.

This game was nowhere near as fast-paced as the first one. The strain of playing seven straight one-goal games appeared to be catching up with the Leafs, who managed just 10 shots through 40 minutes.

But they were only trailing 2-1 heading to the final period and Kessel tied the score just over five minutes in. His eighth goal in as many games came off a nifty tip of a point shot from Carl Gunnarsson.

The Leafs were given a fantastic opportunity to avoid another overtime when Ben Lovejoy was penalized for tripping Clarke MacArthur with just over three minutes left in regulation. However, they were unable to generate many chances with the man advantage.

Toronto finished 0-for-5 on the power play.

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▶ Dion Phaneuf gets clipped by Mark Letestu last night.

Leafs preview

Leafs at Flyers
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If the Maple Leafs (27-27-9 going into last night's game against Pittsburgh) want to hang around the Eastern Conference's playoff scene they'll need to win games on back-to-back nights, and beat teams like the Flyers who hover at the top of the standings. Sniper Phil Kessel should be energized after being named the NHL's first star of the week Monday.

The Flyers (40-16-6) need to bounce back after an embarrassing 4-1 loss to the cellar-dwelling Senators last Saturday. Philadelphia leads the season series against Toronto 2-0 and is 20-8-3 at home. Claude Giroux, who leads Philadelphia with 58 points this season, will try to continue his four-game point streak.

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Not just another road trip for the Raptors

Long flights and hotel rooms are a part of life for professional basketball players, but Toronto Raptors coach Jay Triano expects this weekend's road trip to provide an experience his team won't soon forget.

The Raptors face the New Jersey Nets in a pair of games tomorrow and Saturday at the 02 Arena in London, the NBA's first-ever regular-season games staged in Europe.

"There's 82 games in a season and I would think at the end of most of our players' careers, the two that they play in London might be the two they remember more than anything else, so it's a great opportunity for them," Triano said.

"There's not much difference between the flight from Toronto to London than the flight from Toronto to Los Angeles when we have the West Coast trip."
RAPTORS COACH JAY TRIANO

The travelling party of 140 players, staff, sponsors and some season-ticket holders departed last night for London, where they'll hold basketball clinics, among other league obligations, before tomorrow's tipoff. There's also a team photo planned at Tower Bridge, which stretches across the River Thames.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	62	40	16	3	3	203	159	86	20-8-1-2	20-8-2-1	6-3-1-0	L1
d-Boston	63	37	19	2	5	195	148	81	15-12-1-2	22-7-1-3	6-4-0-0	W6
d-Tampa Bay	63	37	19	3	4	192	192	81	21-7-1-3	16-12-2-1	5-3-0-2	L1
Pittsburgh	65	37	21	4	3	189	162	81	20-11-2-0	17-10-2-3	3-4-2-1	L1
Washington	64	34	20	5	5	170	162	78	18-8-2-5	16-12-3-0	5-5-0-0	W2
Montreal	64	34	23	4	3	168	165	75	20-8-3-3	14-15-1-0	4-4-0-2	W2
NY Rangers	65	33	28	2	2	181	160	70	14-16-1-2	19-12-1-0	4-6-0-0	L2
Carolina	64	30	25	4	5	186	194	69	17-10-1-2	13-15-3-3	4-4-1-1	W1
Buffalo	62	30	25	6	1	179	179	67	14-15-2-1	16-10-4-0	5-3-1-1	W1
Toronto	64	28	27	4	5	167	195	65	15-11-3-4	13-16-1-1	5-1-2-2	W1
Atlanta	64	26	27	4	7	179	208	63	14-13-1-5	12-14-3-2	2-6-1-1	L1
New Jersey	63	28	31	3	1	134	165	60	14-13-2-1	14-18-0-1	9-1-0-0	W2
Florida	63	26	30	3	4	160	173	59	12-12-3-3	14-18-0-1	3-6-1-0	L2
NY Islanders	65	24	32	5	4	177	207	57	13-15-1-3	11-17-4-1	5-3-2-0	W1
Ottawa	63	21	33	5	4	143	201	51	11-17-2-3	10-16-3-1	4-5-0-1	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	64	40	15	4	5	210	151	89	23-6-1-4	17-9-3-1	5-5-0-0	W1
d-Detroit	63	39	18	4	2	213	183	84	17-10-3-1	22-8-1-1	7-3-0-0	W2
d-San Jose	64	37	21	4	2	180	163	80	16-10-2-1	21-11-2-1	9-1-0-0	W7
Chicago	64	35	23	2	4	208	178	76	20-14-0-0	15-9-3-3	7-1-0-2	W6
Phoenix	65	33	22	6	4	186	189	76	15-11-3-2	18-11-3-2	6-3-0-1	L4
Calgary	66	33	24	3	6	200	188	75	19-10-1-3	14-14-2-3	5-3-1-1	L1
Los Angeles	63	35	24	2	2	178	156	74	19-10-1-0	16-14-1-2	6-2-1-1	L1
Dallas	63	34	23	2	4	174	177	74	18-9-2-3	16-14-0-1	4-5-1-0	W3
Nashville	64	32	23	5	4	162	153	73	15-7-4-3	17-16-1-1	4-4-1-1	L1
Minnesota	64	33	25	1	5	166	170	72	16-13-0-3	17-12-1-2	4-5-0-1	L2
Anaheim	63	33	25	3	2	176	186	71	18-10-1-1	15-15-2-1	5-4-1-0	W1
Columbus	62	31	24	3	4	171	183	69	16-13-0-2	15-11-3-2	5-3-0-2	L2
St. Louis	63	28	26	4	5	173	186	65	18-11-1-3	10-15-3-2	4-6-0-0	L2
Colorado	64	26	30	7	1	184	219	60	14-15-4-0	12-15-3-1	1-7-1-1	L4
Edmonton	64	21	35	1	7	160	212	50	11-19-1-3	10-16-1-3	5-5-0-0	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Toronto 3 Pittsburgh 2 (OT)
Chicago 6 Calgary 4
New Jersey 2 Tampa Bay 1
N.Y. Islanders 4 Minnesota 1
Detroit at Anaheim
Tuesday's results
Calgary 6 St. Louis 0
Montreal 3 Atlanta 1
Edmonton 2 Nashville 1 (SO)
Vancouver 2 Columbus 1 (SO)
Boston 1 Ottawa 0
Buffalo 3 N.Y. Rangers 2
Carolina 2 Florida 1
Dallas 3 Phoenix 2
San Jose 2 Colorado 1 (SO)
Washington 2 N.Y. Islanders 1 (OT)
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Tampa Bay at Boston, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Washington, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Detroit at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

MAPLE LEAFS 3, PENGUINS 2 (OT)

First Period
1. Pittsburgh, Niskanen 1 (Lovejoy, Dupuis) 6:52
2. Toronto, Kulemin 23 (MacArthur, Grabovski) 14:04
Penalties — Letang Pgh (holding) 0:13, Phaneuf Tor (interference) 4:43, Engelland Pgh (high-sticking) 9:05, Aulie Tor (cross-checking) 18:33, Neal Pgh (slashing) 19:17.
Second Period
3. Pittsburgh, Conner 7 (Niskanen) 6:40
Penalties — Pittsburgh bench (too many men; served by Conner) 0:48, Lupul Toronto (tripping) 1:51.
Third Period
4. Toronto, Kessel 27 (Gunnarsson, Bozak) 5:07
Penalty — Lovejoy Pgh (tripping) 16:42.
Overtime
5. Toronto, Grabovski 25 (Kessel, Gunnarsson) 0:42
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Pittsburgh	8	9	12	0— 29
Toronto	6	4	9	1—20

Goal — Pittsburgh: Fleury (L,28-16-5); Toronto: Reimer (W,11-4-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Pittsburgh: 0-3; Toronto: 0-5. **Referees** — Kelly Sutherland, Brad Meier. **Linesmen** — Brad Kovachik, Lonnie Cameron. **Attendance** — 19,473 (18,819) at Toronto.

BLACKHAWKS 6, FLAMES 4

First Period
1. Chicago, Toews 24 (Sharp, Kane) 6:46
2. Calgary, Tanguay 18 (Iginla, Giordano) 10:36 (pp)
3. Chicago, Frolik 9 (Dowell) 18:25
Penalties — Toews Chi (goaltender interference) 9:58, Jokinen Cal (holding stick) 11:10, Bouwmeester Cal (holding) 18:58.
Second Period
4. Chicago, Campbell 4 (Bolland, Keith) 15:11 (pp)
5. Chicago, Toews 25 (Frolik, Campbell) 16:33
Penalties — Chicago bench (too many men; served by Frolik) 8:25, Kane Chi (hooking) 10:51, Sarich Cal (hooking) 14:05, Giordano Cal, Stalberg Chi (fighting) 18:45.
Third Period
6. Calgary, Bourque 20 (Stajan, Babchuk) 1:24
7. Calgary, Iginla 28 (Tanguay, Staios) 8:44
8. Chicago, Bolland 14 (Bickell, Hossa) 10:49
9. Calgary, Bourque 21 (Iginla, Bouwmeester) 16:04
10. Chicago, Hossa 17 (Frolik, Seabrook) 19:21 (en)
Penalty — Staios Cal (hooking) 2:24.
Shots on goal by

Calgary	9	6	10	—25
Chicago	10	9	11	—30

Goal (shots-saves) — Calgary: Kiprusoff (19-15), Karlsson (L,4-4-4)(start third)(10-9); Chicago: Crawford (W,24-12-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Calgary: 1-3; Chicago: 1-4. **Referees** — Francois St. Laurent, Don Van Massenhoven. **Linesmen** — Jonny Murray, Steve Miller.
Attendance — 20,896 (19,717) at Chicago.

LATE TUESDAY

CANUCKS 2, BLUE JACKETS 1 (SO)

First Period
1. Vancouver, Raymond 11 (Kesler, Salo) 14:27
Penalty — Lapierre Vcr (holding) 3:17.
Second Period
2. Columbus, Upshall 17 (Pahlsson, Dorsett) 7:11
Penalties — Russell Clb (cross-checking), Samuelsson Vcr (roughing) 1:30, Kesler Vcr (unsportsmanlike) 7:56, Clitsome Clb (interference) 9:16, Ehrhoff Vcr (tripping) 16:36.
Third Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Rome Vcr (illegal stick) 6:14, Upshall Clb (double high-sticking) 15:06.
Overtime — No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Shootout — Vancouver wins 3-2
Goals (2) — Nash, goal; Upshall, miss; Vocracek, miss; Calvert, miss; Vermette, goal; Tyutin, miss; MacKenzie, miss; Umberger, miss; **Vancouver (3)** — Tambellini, miss; Kesler, miss; Raymond, goal; D. Sedin, miss; Burrows, goal; Samuelsson, miss; H. Sedin, miss; Torres, goal.
Shots on goal by

Columbus	13	5	11	2— 31
Vancouver	8	5	10	3— 26

Goal — Columbus: Mason (SOL,22-14-3); Vancouver: Luongo (W,29-12-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Columbus: 0-4; Vancouver: 0-2.
Attendance — 18,860 (18,860) at Vancouver.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
D.Sedin, Vcr	32	47	79
Stamkos, TB	41	37	78
St. Louis, TB	24	51	75
H.Sedin, Vcr	15	59	74
Zetterberg, Det	18	51	69
Perry, Ana	31	37	68
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66

Not including last night's games

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	10	8	2	.800	117	91	—
Boston	9	6	3	.667	99	81	1½
Buffalo	7	4	3	.571	78	67	2½
Rochester	9	5	4	.556	85	96	2½
Philadelphia	9	4	5	.444	82	97	3½

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Calgary	8	5	3	.625	91	89	—
Minnesota	8	4	4	.500	80	74	1
Washington	9	4	5	.444	115	108	1½
Edmonton	9	2	7	.222	93	110	3½
Colorado	8	1	7	.125	70	94	4

WEEK NINE
All times Eastern
Tomorrow's games
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Calgary at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Rochester at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Sunday's game
Buffalo at Boston, 5 p.m.

CRICKET

WORLD CUP

GROUP A

	MP	W	T	L	Pt
Australia	2	2	0	0	4
Pakistan	2	2	0	0	4
Sri Lanka	3	2	0	1	4
New Zealand	2	1	0	1	2
Zimbabwe	2	1	0	1	2
Canada	**2**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Kenya	3	0	0	3	0

GROUP B

	MP	W	T	L	Pt
India	2	1	1	0	3
England	3	1	1	1	3
South Africa	1	1	0	0	2
Bangladesh	2	1	0	1	2
Ireland	2	1	0	1	2
West Indies	2	1	0	1	2
Netherlands	2	0	0	2	0

Yesterday's result
At Bangalore, India
Ireland (329 for seven) def. England (327-8) by three wickets.
Today's matches
At Mohali (Chandigah), India
South Africa vs. Netherlands
At Colombo, Sri Lanka
Pakistan vs. **Canada**
Tomorrow's matches
At Ahmedabad, India
New Zealand vs. Zimbabwe
At Dhaka, Bangladesh
Bangladesh vs. West Indies

MLB

SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	3	0	1.000
Detroit	5	1	.833
Kansas City	3	1	.750
Seattle	2	1	.667
L.A. Angels	3	2	.600
Boston	2	2	.500
Cleveland	2	2	.500
Minnesota	2	2	.500
Oakland	2	2	.500
Texas	2	2	.500
N.Y. Yankees	2	3	.400
Tampa Bay	1	4	.200
Toronto	1	4	.200
Chicago W.Sox	0	3	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Washington	3	0	1.000
Atlanta	3	1	.750
Colorado	3	1	.750
Milwaukee	3	1	.750
San Francisco	4	2	.667
St. Louis	2	1	.667
Cincinnati	3	2	.600
Pittsburgh	3	3	.500
Philadelphia	2	3	.400
Florida	1	2	.333
L.A. Dodgers	2	4	.333
San Diego	1	2	.333
Arizona	2	5	.286
Chicago Cubs	1	3	.250
Houston	1	3	.250
N.Y. Mets	1	3	.250

Yesterday's results
Toronto 5 Tampa Bay 4
Arizona (ss) 5, Seattle 3
Atlanta 6 Boston 1
Baltimore 6 Philadelphia 5
Cincinnati 7 Chicago White Sox 6
Houston (ss) 6 Detroit 3
Kansas City 11 L.A. Dodgers 5
Milwaukee 12 Chicago Cubs 5
Minnesota 4 Pittsburgh 2
N.Y. Yankees 6 Houston (ss) 5
Oakland 4 Cleveland 3
San Francisco 4 Arizona (ss) 2
San Diego 7 Colorado 3
St. Louis 3 N.Y. Mets 2
Texas 10 L.A. Angels 6
Washington 8 Florida 4

BLUE JAYS 5, RAYS 4

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Jennings cf	3	0	0	0	C.Patterson lf	4	0	0	0
B.Guyer cf	1	0	0	0	J.Marisnick lf	0	0	0	0
Brignac ss	3	1	1	0	Y.Escobar ss	4	0	1	0
Beckham ss	1	0	0	0	J.Diaz ss	1	0	1	2
Zobrist 1b	3	1	1	0	Lawrie 3b	3	0	0	0
L.Anderson 1b	1	0	0	0	Jo.McDonald 3b	1	0	0	0
Joyce rf	3	0	1	0	Lind 1b	2	0	0	0
R.Canzler rf	1	0	0	0	D.Cooper pr-1b	1	0	1	0
D.Johnson dh	3	2	2	2	J.Rivera rf	3	1	1	0
Kotchman ph-dh	1	0	0	0	M.Sierra rf	1	0	0	0
F.Lopez 3b	3	0	2	1	Encarnacion dh	3	1	2	2
Olmedo 2b	1	0	1	0	E.Thames pr-dh	1	0	1	0
Inglett 2b	3	0	1	1	Arencibia c	2	1	0	0
Furmaniak 3b	1	0	0	0	B.Jeroloman ph-c	1	0	0	0
N.Ashley c	2	0	0	0	A.Gose cf	2	0	0	0
Lobaton ph-c	2	0	0	0	D.Mastroianni cf	1	1	1	0
Ruggiano lf	3	0	0	0	McCoy 2b	2	0	1	1
Carter lf	1	0	0	0	K.Ahrens pr-2b	0	0	0	0
Budde ph	0	1	0	0					
Totals	**36**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**Totals**		**32**	**5**	**9**	**5**
Tampa Bay					**000 103 000**				**—4**	
Toronto					**030 000 002**				**—5**	

E—Price (1). DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 5, Toronto 8. 2B—Zobrist (2), D.Johnson (1), Olmedo (1), Y.Escobar (1), J.Rivera (2), E.Thames (1). 3B—D.Johnson (1). HR—Encarnacion (1). SB—A.Gose (3), D.Mastroianni (1).

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Price	2	2	3	3	2	1
Bayliss	1	0	0	0	0	1
W.Davis	1	0	0	0	0	0
A.Russell	1	2	0	0	0	0
Bootcheck	1	1	0	0	1	0
B.Gomes	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ios Santos L,0-1	1 1-3	4	2	2	1	2
Toronto						
Morrow	3	2	0	0	0	4
Mills	2	2	1	1	0	2
Dotel BS,1-1	1	4	3	3	0	0
Frasor	1	0	0	0	0	0
Camp	1	0	0	0	0	1
Janssen W,1-0	1	1	0	0	0	1

A—4,270 (5,509) at Dunedin, Fla.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	44	15	.746	—
d-Miami	43	17	.717	1½
d-Chicago	41	18	.695	3
Orlando	39	22	.639	6
Atlanta	37	24	.607	8
New York	31	28	.525	13
Philadelphia	30	30	.500	14½
Indiana	27	33	.450	17½
Charlotte	26	34	.433	18½
Milwaukee	23	36	.390	21
Detroit	22	41	.349	24
New Jersey	17	43	.283	27½
Toronto	17	44	.279	28
Washington	15	45	.250	29½
Cleveland	11	49	.183	33½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	50	11	.820	—
Dallas	44	16	.733	5½
d-L.A. Lakers	43	19	.694	7½
d-Oklahoma City	37	22	.627	12
Denver	36	26	.581	14½
New Orleans	35	28	.556	16
Portland	33	27	.550	16½
Memphis	34	28	.548	16½
Phoenix	31	28	.525	18
Utah	32	29	.525	18
Houston	31	31	.500	19½
Golden State	27	33	.450	22½
L.A. Clippers	21	40	.344	29
Sacramento	15	43	.259	33½
Minnesota	15	47	.242	35½

d - division leaders ranked in top four positions per conference regardless of winning pct.

Last night's results
Atlanta 83 Chicago 80
Boston 115 Phoenix 103
Denver 120 Charlotte 80
Golden State 106 Washington 102
Minnesota 116 Detroit 105
New York 107 New Orleans 88
Oklahoma City 113 Indiana 89
San Antonio 109 Cleveland 99
Portland at Sacramento
Houston at L.A. Clippers
Tuesday's results
Toronto 96 New Orleans 90
Dallas 101 Philadelphia 93
Houston 103 Portland 87
Indiana 109 Golden State 100
L.A. Lakers 90 Minnesota 79
Memphis 109 San Antonio 93
Milwaukee 92 Detroit 90
Orlando 116 New York 110
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Orlando at Miami, 8 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, Okla	54	510	424	1539	28.5
James, Mia	58	530	388	1520	26.2
Stoudemire, NY	57	559	353	1480	26.0
Wade, Mia	56	512	359	1430	25.5
Anthony, NY	54	474	372	1367	25.3
Bryant, LAL	62	556	359	1554	25.1
Rose, Chi	57	512	303	1414	24.8

Not including last night's games

TENNIS

WTA MONTERREY OPEN

At Monterrey, Mexico
Yesterday's results
Singles — Second Round
Greta Arn, Hungary, def. Sara Errani (6), Italy, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.
Polona Hercog (8), Slovenia, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-2.
Olga Govortsova, Belarus, def. Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0.

WTA MALAYSIAN OPEN

At Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Yesterday's results
Singles – Second Round
Ayumi Morita (6), Japan, def. Zhang Shuai, China, 6-0, 6-4.
Bojana Jovanovski (8), Serbia, def. Urszula Radwanska, Poland, 1-6, 7-5, 6-4.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

FA CUP

FIFTH ROUND
Yesterday's result
Manchester City 3 Aston Villa 0
FIFTH ROUND - REPLAY
Arsenal 5 Leyton Orient 0

FRANCE

FRENCH CUP

QUARTER-FINALS
Yesterday's results
Chambery 0 Angers 3
Paris Saint-Germain 2 Le Mans 0 (OT)
Lille 0 Lorient 0 (OT)
(Lille advances 5-3 on penalties)

GERMANY

GERMAN CUP

SEMIFINALS
Yesterday's results
Bayern Munich 0 Schalke 1

SCOTLAND

SCOTTISH CUP

FIFTH ROUND - REPLAY
Yesterday's result
Celtic 1 Rangers 0

PREMIER LEAGUE

St. Johnstone 0 Aberdeen 0

THIRD DIVISION

East Stirling 0 Albion 0

SPAIN

LA LIGA

Yesterday's results
Getafe 1 Atletico Madrid 1
Osasuna 0 Deportivo La Coruna 0
Real Sociedad 1 Levante 1
Valencia 0 Barcelona 1
Villarreal 1 Hercules 0
Zaragoza 2 Athletic Bilbao 1

SKIING

NORDIC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Oslo, Norway
Yesterday's results
MEN
Cross-Country
Team Sprint
1. Canada (Devon Kershaw, Sudbury, Ont., and Alex Harvey, St-Ferreol-les-Neiges, Que.), 19 minutes 10.0 seconds; 2. Norway (Petter Northug, Ola Vigen Hattestad) 19:10.2; 3. Russia (Alexander Panzhinskiy, Nikita Kriukov) 19:10.5; 4. Germany (Jens Filbrich, Tim Tscharnke) 19:10.9; 5. Finland (Sami Jauhojaervi, Ville Nousiainen) 19:11.1.
6. Kazakhstan (Denis Volotka, Alexey Poltoranin) 19:21.5; 7. Sweden (Jesper Modin, Emil Joensson) 19:22.0; 8. France (Jean Marc Gaillard, Cyril Miranda) 19:32.4; 9. Italy (Renato Pasini, Loris Frasnelli) 19:39.1; 10. U.S. (Torin Koos, Andrew Newell) 20:01.6.
WOMEN
Cross-Country
Team Sprint
1. Sweden (Ida Ingemarsdotter, Charlotte Kalla) 19 minutes, 25.0 seconds; 2. Finland (Aino Kaisa Saarinen, Krista Lahteenmaki) 19:28.3; 3. Norway (Maiken Caspersen Falla, Astrid Uhrenholdt Jacobsen) 19:29.1; 4. Italy (Arianna Follis, Marianna Longa) 19:40.1; 5. Slovenia (Katja Visnar, Petra Majdic) 19:43.5.
6. Canada (Perianne Jones, Almonte, Ont.; and Daria Gaiazova, Banff, Alta.) 20:11.9; 7. Germany (Stefanie Boehler, Nicole Fessel) 20:12.8; 8. Japan (Masako Ishida, Madoka Natsumi) 20:19.1; 9. U.S. (Sadie Bjornsen, Kikkan Randall) 20:21.5; 10. Russia (Anastasia Dotsenko, Julia Ivanova) 20:23.3.

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NFL, union still at odds

CBA expires at midnight tonight • Deadline may be extended for talks

A large group of NFL owners and players' union president Kevin Mawae participated in mediated labour talks for the first time yesterday.

The session came the same day the league's owners gathered at a hotel about 40 kilometres away in Chantilly, Va. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and all 10 members of the owners' labour committee left the mediation after about four hours.

Members of both sides were planning to return last night to resume talks.

"We're talking," Mawae said when he left. "It's better than not talking."

Among the possibilities are that the owners lock out the players or that the union decertifies. The NFL could lose regular-season games to a work stoppage for the first time since 1987, or everything could be resolved by management and labour.

"So far, obviously, we haven't been successful ... but we're optimistic in due time we will," Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson said on his way into the mediation session.

"Our objective, of course, is to negotiate a fair agreement for the players and the teams."

The biggest sticking point has been how to divide league revenues, including what cut team owners should get up front to help cover certain costs, such as stadium construction. Under the old deal, owners got $1 billion US off the top. They entered these negotiations seeking to double that.

Among the other significant topics: A rookie wage scale; the owners' push to expand the regular season from 16 games to 18 while reducing the pre-season by two games; and benefits for retired players.

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▶ NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, centre, leaves a meeting with owners at a hotel in Chantilly, Va., yesterday.

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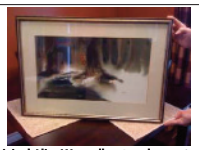

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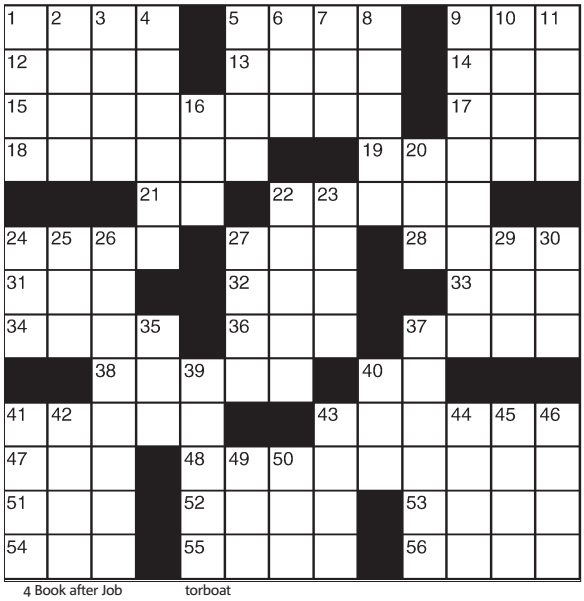

Across

1 Recipe meas.
5 Con game
9 "Wham!"
12 Brewery products
13 Albacore
14 Mimic
15 Ambulance VIP
17 Scarlet
18 Hello, in Haifa
19 Coin toss call
21 KC's state
22 Tine
24 Boston — Orchestra
27 1989 GM debut
28 Burr-Hamilton contest
31 Actress Gardner
32 Conger, for one
33 Exist
34 Imperfection
36 Rd.
37 "— Breckinridge"
38 Cognizant
40 Italian river
41 Man of morals?
43 Half-hour telecast, often
47 Monokini's lack
48 Type of baggy pants
51 Inventor Whitney
52 Falsehoods
53 Great Lake
54 Benicio — Toro
55 Energy units
56 Remainder

Down

1 Reveille's opposite
2 Mediocre
3 Antitoxins
4 Book after Job
5 Goblet part
6 What a cow chews
7 Blackbird
8 Overly virile
9 South American country
10 Newspaper page
11 Marries
16 Cattle call?
20 Conclusion
22 Grievance
23 Portrayal
24 Manhandle
25 Eggs
26 Soar behind a motorboat
27 Equipment
29 Bobble the ball
30 Grazing area
35 Pair
37 "Psycho" figure
39 Mac maker
40 Snapshot
41 Not up yet
42 — Stanley Gardner
43 Back talk
44 Remedy
45 Singer Redding
46 Encounter
49 Melody
50 Bylaw, for short

▶ Yesterday's answer

A	S	K	S	■	C	B	S	■	E	G	A	D	
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P	I	A	■	R	I	M	■	H	O	Y	L	E	
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Sudoku

	2		8	3	4		5	
5								6
		7				1		
7	5		3		6		1	4
				4				
1	4		2		5		8	9
		5				4		
9								8
	3		7	9	8		2	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

4	1	3	2	6	5	9	8	7
9	6	2	7	8	4	5	3	1
8	7	5	3	1	9	4	6	2
3	8	7	5	4	6	2	1	9
2	5	9	1	3	8	7	4	6
6	4	1	9	2	7	8	5	3
5	3	6	8	9	2	1	7	4
7	9	4	6	5	1	3	2	8
1	2	8	4	7	3	6	9	5

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 A positive attitude is essential today, as the approaching new moon in Pisces warns that your fears could easily get the better of you. Chances are nothing bad will happen.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Someone you meet on your travels could be very important to you career-wise, so be outgoing and friendly and make a good impression. Once you've made contact and said hello, arrange a business meeting.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 The approaching new moon will boost your confidence and make it easier to take centre stage at work. Remember: It's not enough to be a star for a day — make it a way of life.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The upcoming new moon in your fellow Water sign of Pisces will stir your sense of adventure and you'll be making all sorts of plans, but you've still got to get up out of your chair and make them happen. Start now.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You seem to be worrying what other people think of you, which is unlike you. Whatever the reason, get over it because you have important things to do that are sure to draw criticism.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Any worries you have about an affair of the heart will be laid to rest over the next 48 hours. The fact is you have never been more loved. No one is out to get you.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You expect people to do as you say, but that's not going to happen at the moment. No matter how independent-minded you are, you must make an effort to meet others halfway.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Follow your instincts and ignore those who say that what you are trying to do will end in tears. Maybe it will, be it won't be your tear. It will be theirs when they realize how much doubting you has cost them.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Be decisive today, especially when dealing with family. If you give others the idea that you don't know what you are doing, they may lose confidence in you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You may disapprove of what a friend is up to but do you have the right to tell him or her what to do? This is a time when he or she must be allowed to learn from mistakes.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You may get lucky today and get a windfall that solves your immediate money worries, but you are smart enough to know that if you are going to prosper, you need to cut back on reckless spending.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Most things are going well, but there is a cloud on the horizon and it threatens some kind of upheaval. That's OK. What's changing in your life is for the best. SALLY BROMPTON

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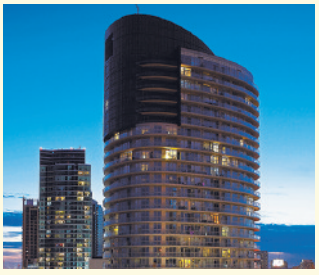

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